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AND ADJACENT REGIONS.

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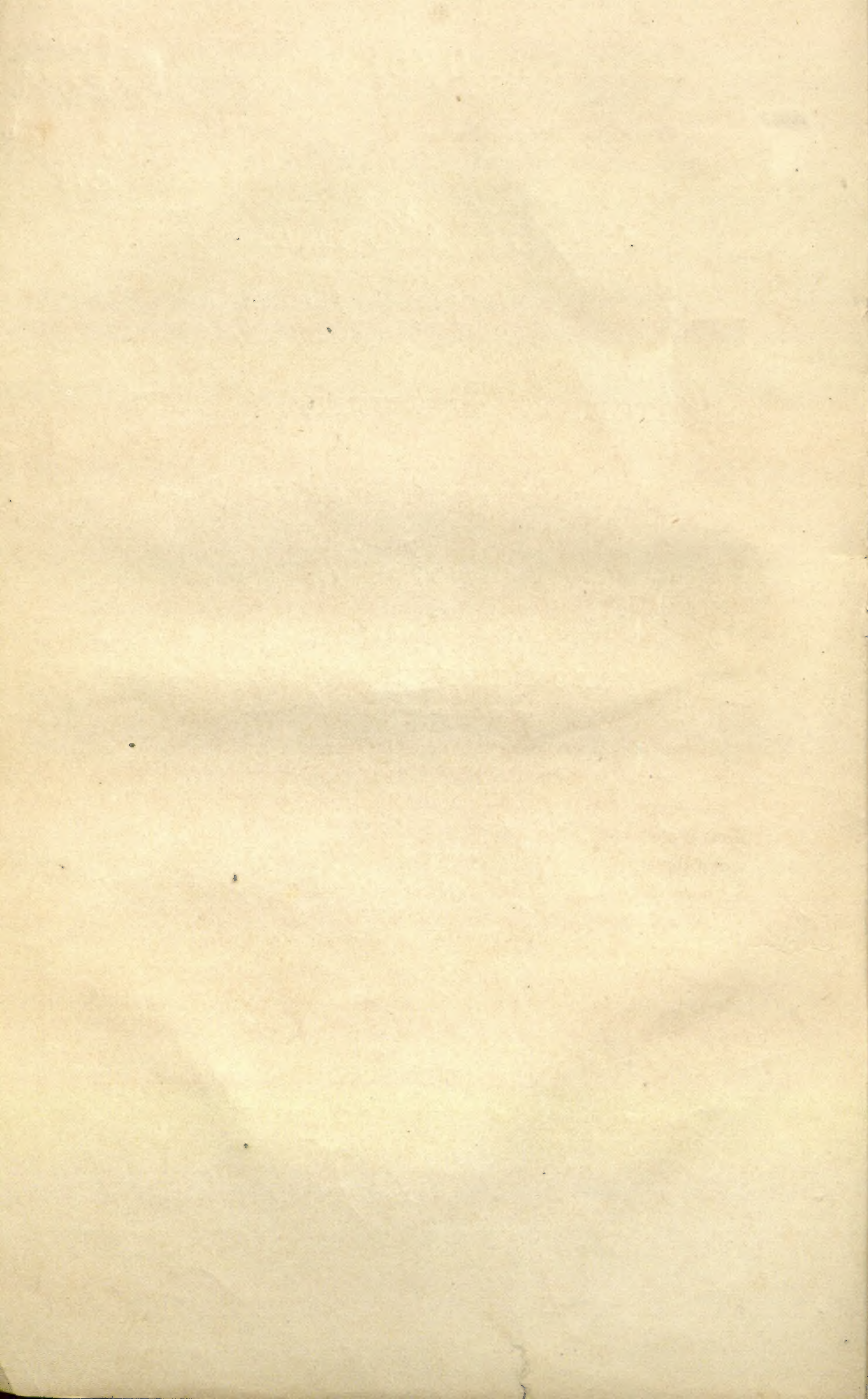
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## CACTACEÆ OF THE UNITED STATES.

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THE only Cactus known to Linnæus from the countries north of Mexico was his *Cactus Opuntia* (*Opuntia vulgaris*). Long after him, more than forty years ago, Nuttall, the pioneer of West American botany, discovered two *Mamillariæ* and two *Opuntia* on the Upper Missouri, and again, twenty years later, in California, a new *Echinocactus*. About ten years ago we became acquainted with numerous new Cactaceæ, in Texas through Mr. F. Lindheimer; in New Mexico through Dr. A. Wislizenus; and in Northern Mexico through the same explorer and Dr. J. Gregg: some others (and among them the giant of Cacti) were indicated in the Gila country by the then Lieutenant W. H. Emory. Soon afterwards Mr. A. Fendler collected several new species about Santa Fé. Mr. Charles Wright, a few years later (1849), discovered in Western Texas and Southern New Mexico still other undescribed Cacti.

But the greatest addition to our knowledge of the Cactaceæ of the southern part of the United States was made by the gentlemen connected with the United States and Mexican Boundary Commission, at first under Colonel Graham, and subsequently under Major Emory. Science is indebted principally to Dr. C. C. Parry, Mr. Charles Wright, Dr. J. M. Bigelow, Mr. George Thurber, and Mr. A. Schott, for valuable collections of living as well as dried specimens, and for full notes taken on the spot.

About the same time, Mr. A. Trécul of France, and after him Dr. H. Poselger of Prussia, traversed Southern Texas and Northern Mexico, collecting many Cactaceæ, and increasing our knowledge of this interesting branch of botanical science.

The Pacific Railroad expeditions since 1853 have opened fields not

before explored ; and Dr. Bigelow, the botanist and physician of Captain A. W. Whipple's expedition along the 35th parallel, availed himself of these opportunities in a most successful manner ; while Dr. F. V. Hayden, almost unaided in his adventurous expedition, has extended our knowledge of the northernmost Cactaceæ in the regions of the Upper Missouri and Yellowstone Rivers.

The last, but by no means least addition, was made in 1854 and 1855, by Mr. Arthur Schott, during the exploration under Major Emory of the country south of the Gila River, known as the Gadsden Purchase.

Most of the materials brought together by these different explorers have come into the hands of the writer ; but few of the discoveries made since 1847 and 1848 have been given to the public ; — partly because the material on hand very often was incomplete, and partly because it seemed desirable to publish the whole in an elaborate form with the Reports of the Boundary Commission and those of the Pacific Railroad Surveys. These reports are now in preparation ; but the splendid plates which are to illustrate the natural history of these plants cannot be finished for some time ; it is therefore deemed advisable now to publish short descriptions of the new species, and systematically to arrange them with those before known.

## CACTACEÆ.

### Tribus I. TUBULOSÆ, Miquel.

Subtrib. I. PARALLELÆ. Cotyledones margine hilum versus spectantes, lateribus seminis parallelæ.

#### I. MAMILLARIA, Haw.

Ovarium baccaque læves. Semina fere exalbuminosa. Cotyledones abbreviatæ, plerumque erectæ, subconnatæ. — Plantæ mamillato-tuberculatæ ; inflorescentia laterali s. verticali.

Subgen. I. EUMAMILLARIA. Flores ex axillis tuberculorum anni prioris nunquam sulcatorum : ovarium plerumque immersum versus fructus maturitatem emergens.

#### § 1. *Polyacanthæ*, Salm.

I. M. MICROMERIS, E. in Bound. Comm. Rep. : parvula, simplex, globosa ; tuberculis minimis verrucæformibus confertissimis ; areolis

junioribus solum lana laxa vestitis; aculeis setiformibus cinereis pluri-seriatis, in plantis junioribus sub 20 æqualibus lineam longis, radiantibus in tuberculis floriferis 30 – 40 undique stellato-porrectis, superioribus 6 – 8 longioribus clavatis; floribus minimis subcentralibus.

Var.  $\beta$ . GREGGII: major, tuberculis majoribus aculeis paucioribus rigidioribus.

From El Paso eastward to the San Pedro River. Var.  $\beta$ . near Saltillo. From  $\frac{1}{2}$  to  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches in diameter;  $\beta$ . often 2 inches or even more in diameter; tubercles  $\frac{1}{2}$  – 1 line long, spines  $\frac{1}{2}$  –  $1\frac{1}{2}$  lines long, in  $\beta$ . 1 – 2 lines long; uppermost spines of each areola in the fully developed plant 3 to 4 times as long as the others, and strongly clavate surrounded by long and loose wool, which, together with the upper part of the long spines, breaks or falls off after fructification. Flowers (and even fruits) nearly central, 3 lines in diameter, light pink. — Near *M. microthele*, Muhlenp., which, however, has 2 central spines.

2. *M. LASIACANTHA*, E. l. c.: parvula, simplex, globosa; tuberculis teretibus; aculeis setiformibus pilosulis s. denudatis 40 – 80 pluri-seriatis omnibus radiantibus; floribus lateralibus albidis.

On the Pecos River, in Western Texas: fl. in May. — Plant  $\frac{1}{2}$  to 1 or even  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches high, and scarcely less in diameter; tubercles 2 – 3 lines long, spines  $1\frac{1}{2}$  –  $2\frac{1}{2}$  lines long. Flower whitish or very pale pink, 6 lines long. — *M. Schiedeana*, Ehrenb. seems to be similar, but is much larger, and has large tubercles with woolly axillæ, etc.

## § 2. *Crinitæ*, Salm.

### A. *Aculeis centralibus rectis*.

3. *M. PUSILLA*, DC., var. TEXANA, E. l. c.: ovato-globosa, proliфера, cæspitosa; tuberculis teretibus axilla longe-lanatis; aculeis pluri-seriatis, extimis 30 – 50 capillaceis crispatis, interioribus 10 – 12 rigidioribus brevioribus albidis, intimis 5 – 8 longioribus rigidis rectis versus apicem fuscatis; floribus lateralibus rubellis.

On the Rio Grande, near Eagle Pass and southward: fl. April – June. — Plant 1 – 2 inches high; spines 3 – 6 lines, flowers 7 – 10 lines, long. — Seems scarcely distinct from the well-known West Indian *M. pusilla*.

### B. *Aculeis centralibus uno alterove uncinato*.

4. ? *M. BARBATA*, E. in Wisl. Rep.: aculeis radialibus biseriatis, centrali singulo deorsum hamato; floribus subcentralibus; seminibus tenuiter scrobiculatis.

Cosiquiriachi, west of Chihuahua. This species has borne flower and fruit with me, and my notes and my recollections indicate that they were central: hence the mark of doubt above, as to the proper position of this species here, where all the other closely allied forms belong.

5. *M. PHELLOSPERMA*, E. in B. C. R. (*M. tetrancistra*, E. in part, *Sill. Jour.* Nov. 1852): ovata, subsimplex; tuberculis teretibus axilla lanata setigeris; aculeis radiantibus 40–60 biseriatis, exterioribus brevioribus tenuioribus, centralibus 3–4 robustioribus atrofuscis inferioribus pluribus hamatis; floribus lateralibus; bacca pyriformi subsicca coccinea; seminibus globosis rugosis nigris massa fusca suberosa majore arilliformi auctis.

From the Gila to the eastern slope of the California mountains. — The name originally given had to be altered, because very rarely, if ever, are 4 hooked spines seen. In the original description this and the next species were confounded. — Plant 2–4 inches high. Radial spines 4–6 lines, central ones 5–9 lines long. — Apparently near *M. ancistroides*, Lem., which, however, has the radial spines all homogeneous.

*Chalhausii* 6. *M. GRAHAMI*, E. l. c.: subglobosa, simplex s. demum e basi ramosa; tuberculis ovatis, axilla nudis; aculeis radiantibus 20–30 uniseriatis, centrali sursum hamato fuscato, additis sæpe 1–2 superioribus rectis; floribus lateralibus rubicundis; bacca ovata virescente; seminibus minutis scrobiculatis nigris.

Mountains from El Paso southward and westward to the Gila and Colorado, and up the latter river: fl. from June or July to August. — Plant 1–3 inches high; hooks much longer than the radial spines, which are 3–6 lines long. Flowers below the top, nearly one inch in diameter. Berry and seed small, the latter only 0.4 line long.

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*ephyra* 7. *M. WRIGHTII*, E. l. c.: depresso-globosa, simplex; tuberculis teretibus axilla nudis; aculeis radiantibus sub 12 albidis; centralibus sub-binis uncinatis fuscis vix longioribus; floribus lateralibus (?) purpureis; bacca subgloboso-ovata majuscula; seminibus scrobiculatis nigris.

*near Fort Fillmore*  
New Mexico, on the Pecos and near the Copper Mines. — Plants  $1\frac{1}{2}$ –3 inches in diameter. Spines 4–6 lines long. Flowers fully one inch in diameter, bright purple, with narrow acuminate petals. Berry large and purple: seed 0.7 line long.

8. *M. GOODRICHII*, Scheer: ovato-globosa, subsimplex; tuberculis

brevi-ovatis axilla lanata setigeris; aculeis radiantibus 11–15 albidis, centralibus 3–4 fusco-atris, inferiore paulo longiore deorsum uncinato; floribus lateralibus.

San Diego, California. — Two or three inches high. Radial spines  $2\frac{1}{2}$ – $3\frac{1}{2}$  lines long; the lower central spine a little longer. Flowers apparently yellowish-white, and half an inch in diameter.

§ 3. *Setosæ*, Salm.

9. *M. BICOLOR*, Lehm.: depressa, ovata, s. cylindræa, prolifera; axillis lanatis; tuberculis parvulis conicis; aculeis exterioribus 16–20 tenuissimis recurvato-radiantibus, centralibus 2–4 rigidis, majoribus albis apice nigris interdum subpollicaribus, supremo plerumque longissimo incurvo; floribus parvulis purpureis; stigmatibus 5.

Abundant on the calcareous hills of the Rio Grande below Laredo, Texas, *Dr. Poselger*: fl. June and July. — Plant 3–12 inches high, the larger specimens 2–3 inches in diameter; radial spines 1–2, lower central ones 4–5, the upper 6–10 lines long. Flower about 9 lines long.

§ 4. *Centrispinæ*, Salm. (All our species are simple and have a milky juice.)

10. *M. HEYDERI*, Muhlenpf. (1848): simplex, depresso-globosa; tuberculis elongatis pyramidatis subquadrangulatis; aculeis radiantibus 10–20 rectis, inferioribus longioribus, centrali singulo brevioribus; floribus lateralibus sordide rubellis; baccis elongato-clavatis; seminibus parvis rugulosis fulvis.

Var. *a.* *APPLANATA* (*M. applanata*, *E. in Pl. Lindh.* 1850): vertice applanato s. depresso, aculeis radialibus 15–22.

Var. *β.* *HEMISPHERICA* (*M. hemisphærica*, *E. l. c.*): vertice convexo, aculeis radialibus 9–12.

From San Antonio and New Braunfels, Texas, to Matamoras and westward to El Paso: fl. April, May. — Var. *a.* is the Northern and Western, and *β.* the Southern form. — *M. declivis*, Dietr. seems to belong here; but I have never met with a description of this plant.

11. *M. MEIACANTHA*, *E. in B. C. R.*: hemisphærica; tuberculis quadrangulato-pyramidatis compressis; aculeis paucis (5–9) rigidis rectis s. recurvatis, inferioribus paulo longioribus, centrali singulo erecto s. sursum flexo et cum cæteris radiante; floribus et baccis præcedentis.

Western Texas and New Mexico. — Very similar to the last; but tubercles larger, more compressed, more loosely arranged; the spines fewer and stouter; perhaps only a variety of it.

12. *M. GUMMIFERA*, E. in Wisl. Rep. Similar to the last two, but stouter; flower larger, darker, but otherwise little different. Radial spines 10–12; the lower ones much stouter and longer than the upper ones: central spines 1 or 2, shorter.

§ 5. *Longimammæ*, Salm.

13. *M. SPHÆRICA*, Dietr.: prolifera, cæspitosa; tuberculis ovato-elongatis acutatis; aculeis setaceis radialibus 12–14, centrali singulo subbreuiore vix robustiore; floris magni tubo supra ovarium emersum constricto elongato; petalis flavis acuminato-aristatis.

Hill-sides on the Rio Grande near Eagle Pass; also Corpus Christi, on the Gulf.—Single specimens clavate, but often forming dense hemispherical masses. Tubercles 6–8 lines; spines 3–5 lines long. Flower  $1\frac{1}{2}$ –2 inches long. Fruit not seen.

Subgen. 2. *CORYPHANTHA*. Flores e basi tuberculorum hornotinarum aculeiferorum sulcatorum, vel in vertice ipso oriundi: ovarium emersum.

§ 1. *Albifloræ*.

14. *M. PAPHYRACANTHA*, E. in Pl. Fendl. (Mem. Amer. Acad. 1849). This interesting plant has been collected only in a single specimen, near Santa Fé, which, together with the dried flowers, is in my possession. Shape of tubercles not well distinguishable, doubtful whether sulcate or not; the lower ones proliforous. Spines compressed, flexible, of the consistency of stiff paper; 8 radiating and 3 or 4 central; the lowest one of these longest and broadest. Flowers white, central, an inch or more in length and width. Fruit not seen.

§ 2. *Flavifloræ*.

\* *Laxifloræ*. (The originally central flowers are pushed aside by the continuous development of new tubercles.)

15. *M. NUTTALLII*, E.: simplex s. prolifera, cæspitosa; aculeis radialibus 10–17 setaceis rectis plerumque puberulis albidis, centrali singulo robustiore sæpius deficiente; sepalis fimbriatis et petalis flavidis apice parce denticulatis lanceolatis, s. lineari-lanceolatis acutis; stigmatibus 2–8 erectis vel patulis; bacca subglobosa tuberculis brevioribus coccinea; seminibus globosis scrobiculatis nigris.

Var. *a.* *BOREALIS* (*M. Nuttallii*, E. l. c. *Cactus mamillaris*, Nutt. Gen., 1818, non Linn.): subsimplex; aculeis setaceis 13–17 cum centrali sæpe deficiente puberulis; stigmatibus 2–5; baccis seminibusque minoribus.



Var.  $\beta$ . CÆSPITOSA (M. similis, E. in Pl. Lindh. 1845): cæspitosa; aculeis radialibus 12–15 puberulis, centrali plerumque deficiente; floribus baccis seminibusque majoribus; stigmatibus 5 patulis.

Var.  $\gamma$ . ROBUSTIOR, E. in Pl. Lindh. 1850: subsimplex; tuberculis longioribus laxioribus, aculeis robustioribus lævibus, radialibus 10–12, centrali singulo; floribus majoribus; stigmatibus 7–8 patulis; seminibus ut in  $\beta$ .

Plains east of the Rocky and New Mexican Mountains. Var.  $a$ . on the Upper Missouri;  $\beta$ . from Kansas River to New Braunfels in Texas;  $\gamma$ . from the Canadian River to the Colorado of Texas. The heads are one or two inches in diameter; the cæspitose masses of  $\beta$ . often a foot broad; spines 3–8 lines long. Flowers 1–2 inches long and wide, of a greenish or reddish or pure pale yellow color. Seeds 0.8–1.1 lines in diameter, more regularly globose than in most other Cactacæ.

16. M. SCHEERII, Muhlenpf. 1847;  $\beta$ . ? VALIDA, E. in B. C. R.: magna, ovato-globosa, subsimplex, glaucescens; tuberculis remotis patulis magnis e basi lata subcylindricis supra sulco profundo glandulis paucis munito (juniore lanato) subbilobis; areolis junioribus dense lanatis; aculeis 10–20 rectis robustis basi bulbosis albidis s. citrinis apice fuscatis, radialibus 9–16 centralibus 1–5 validioribus angulatis; floribus flavis ex axillis junioribus tomentosissimis.

Sandy ridges in the valley of the Rio Grande near El Paso: fl. July. The largest of our Northern Mamillariæ, 7 inches high and 5 in diameter; tubercles 1–1½ inches long; spines 10–18 lines in length, very stout, especially the central and lower radial ones. Flower 2 inches long, yellow. Fruit not seen.—*M. Scheerii* from Chihuahua, according to Prince Salm's description, is a smaller plant, with single central spines one inch in length, and 8–11 much shorter radial spines; the areolæ are described as naked:—nevertheless our plant is probably only the northern form of this species.

17. M. ROBUSTISPINA, A. Schott, in litt.: simplex s. cæspitosa; tuberculis patulis teretibus magnis sulcatis; areolis junioribus dense tomentosissimis; aculeis radialibus 12–15 robustis inferioribus robustioribus sæpe curvatis, superioribus rectis fasciculatis paullo tenuioribus, centrali singulo valido compresso recurvato, omnibus subpollicaribus corneis apice atratis; floribus luteis ex axillis junioribus tomentosissimis; seminibus magnis obovatis fuscis lævibus.

Sonora, on grassy prairies: fl. July. Tubercles nearly an inch

long, and an inch distant from one another; spines 9–15 lines long. Flowers 2 inches long, characterized by a very slender, constricted tube, very different from the wide tube of the foregoing species. Seeds fully  $1\frac{1}{2}$  lines long, larger than those of any other Mamillaria examined by me: embryo with some albumen, curved; cotyledons foliaceous! approaching the structure of the seed of most Echinocacti.

18. *M. RECURVISPINA*, E. in B. C. R.: simplex, depresso-globosa; tuberculis ovatis profunde sulcatis confertis; areolis obliquis ovatis, aculeis radialibus 12–20 rigidis recurvis intertextis albidis corneisve, aculeo centrali singulo (raro binis) robustiore longiore decurvato; floribus flavicantibus extus fuscatis ex axillis junioribus villosissimis.

Sonora: fl. July. Single heads 3–8 inches in diameter; tubercles 5–6 lines long; spines 4–9 lines long, upper ones often a little longer than the lower ones; central spine 6–10 lines long, darker. Flowers  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches long.—This plant bears the closest resemblance to the next species, and must perhaps be classed with it; but in the dry specimen before me the flowers are not exactly vertical, as in that species.

\* \* *Densifloræ*. (Flowers and fruit remain central in the very woolly vertex of the plant, no new tubercles being developed before the fruit falls off; berries of all the species known to me oval, green; seeds brown, smooth.)

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19. *M. COMPACTA*, E. in Wisl. Rep.: simplex, depresso-globosa; tuberculis abbreviato-conicis sulcatis confertis; areolis ovato-lanceolatis, aculeis radialibus 13–16 rigidis recurvis intertextis albidis corneisve, aculeo centrali erecto plerumque deficiente; floribus flavis extus fuscatis minoribus. *Mamm cephalophora Salm 1850*

Cosiquiriachi, west of Chihuahua: fl. June and July. Plant 2–4 inches in diameter; distinguished from the last species by the acutish (not obtuse) tubercles, the more elongated areola, the erect central spine, which however is wanting in most specimens, and principally by the smaller and truly vertical flowers. Spines 5–10 lines long; flower  $1\frac{1}{4}$ – $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches long and wide; seed 0.7 line long.

20. *M. PECTINATA*, E. in B. C. R.: simplex, globosa; tuberculis conicis abbreviatis, summis floriferis teretibus longioribus sulcatis; areolis oblongis; aculeis 16–24 rigidis recurvis intertextis subæqualibus s. in tuberculis summis superioribus longioribus fasciculatis omnibus radiantibus corneis s. albidis; floribus magnis sulphureis.

On the Pecos River, in Western Texas: fl. July.—Plant 1–2

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inches in diameter. Lower tubercles 2 – 3, floriferous ones 5 – 6 lines long; spines 3 – 5, upper fasciculated ones 6 – 9 lines long. Flower  $2\frac{1}{2}$  – 3 inches in diameter; seed 0.9 line long.

21. *M. ECHINUS*, E. l. c.: simplex, globosa; tuberculis tereticonicis; areolis orbiculatis; aculeis rectis s. paullo curvatis intertextis albidis; radiantibus 16 – 30 summis paullo longioribus, centralibus 3 – 4, inferiore robustissimo subulato porrecto, superioribus 2 – 3 et cum radiantibus erectis; floribus magnis.

With the former. — Plant  $1\frac{1}{2}$  –  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inches in diameter; tubercles 5 – 6 lines long; lower and lateral spines 4 – 6, upper ones 6 – 10 lines long; upper central spines of the same length, and the lower central one a little shorter. This last one is unusually stout, subulate from a very thick base, and perpendicular on the centre of the plant, which gives it a very peculiar aspect. Flowers apparently about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  or 2 inches long.

22. *M. SCOLYMOIDES*, Scheidw. (1841): globosa s. ovata, subsimplex; tuberculis conicis, superioribus elongatis incurvis imbricatis; aculeis radiantibus 14 – 20 rectis s. plerumque recurvis albidis s. corneis, superioribus longioribus, centralibus 1 – 4 longioribus obscurioribus curvatis, superioribus sursum versis cum radialibus implicatis, inferiore robustiore longiore decurvo.

South of the Rio Grande; not yet discovered in our territory. — Plant 2 – 3 inches high; tubercles 5 – 8 lines long; radial spines 5 – 10 lines, the central ones 9 – 16 lines long. Flowers yellow, 2 inches long. — Perhaps this and both the foregoing species are only forms of the Mexican *M. cornifera*, of De Candolle. Only a close examination of these plants in their native wilds will enable us to decide this point.

23. *M. CALCARATA*, E. in Pl. Lindh. 2, 1850 (*M. sulcata*, E. in Pl. Lindh. 1, 1845. *M. strobiliformis*, *Muhlenpf.?* non Scheer): globosa, prolifera, cæspitosa; tuberculis e basi dilatata ovatis conicis; aculeis albidis, radialibus 8 – 10 rigidis subulatis rectis s. paullo recurvis, additis subinde ex summa areola aculeis adventitiis 3 – 5 fasciculatis tenuioribus, centrali singulo robustiore subulato recurvato, in plantis junioribus deficiente; floribus magnis sulphureis intus basi rubicundis.

Texas, from the Brazos to the Nueces rivers: fl. May. — Larger heads 2 –  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inches in diameter; cæspitose masses a foot or more large; tubercles spreading, or in older flowering plants often somewhat adpressed and imbricate, 7 – 9 lines long; spines 4 – 8 lines

long. Flower  $2\frac{1}{4}$  –  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inches long, and of same diameter. Seeds a line long.

§ 3. *Rubrifloræ.*

\* *Sepalis integerrimis.*

24. *M. CONOIDEA*, DC. (*M. strobiliformis*, *E. in Wisl. Rep. non Scheer*): found only south of the Rio Grande.

\* \* *Sepalis fimbriatis.*

25. ? *M. POTTSII*, Scheer: cylindrica, subramosa; tuberculis ovatis obtusis levissime sulcatis, axillis sublanuginosis; aculeis radialibus numerosissimis gracilibus albis, centralibus 6 – 12 validioribus expansis basi nodulosis apice sphacelatis; floribus magnis e viridi rubellis; baccis roseis.

Texas, on the Rio Grande, below Laredo, and from there to Chihuahua. — I have not seen this plant; the description is taken from Salm and Poselger.

26. *M. TUBERCULOSA*, E. in B. C. R.: ovata s. ovato-cylindrica, simplex s. ad basin parce prolifera; tuberculis e basi rhomboidea ovatis abbreviatis obtusis profunde sulcatis demum suberosis persistentibus confertis, axillis villosissimis; aculeis exterioribus 20 – 30 rigidis albidis, interioribus 5 – 9 robustioribus cæσιο-purpureis sphacelatis, superioribus longioribus erectis, infimo brevioribus robusto porrecto s. deflexo; floribus in vertice densissime tomentoso centralibus pollicaribus dilute roseis; baccis elongato-ovatis rubris; seminibus minimis scrobiculatis.

On the mountains near El Paso, and eastward.: fl. May and June. Plant 2 – 5 inches high; tubercles  $2\frac{1}{2}$  – 3 lines long, dry and hard, not fleshy unless very young, nor shrivelling when old, but losing the spines and covering the lower part of the plant like corky protuberances. Outer spines usually 2 – 4, rarely 5 or 6, lines long; interior spines 4 – 9 lines long; those of the upper tubercles forming a tuft of grayish-purple color on top of the plant. Flowers very pale purple, one inch in diameter. Berry red, three fourths of an inch long, one fourth of an inch thick, crowned with the remains of the flower. Seeds short, thick, about half a line long. — The short, corky tubercles, with very deep grooves, and very woolly when young, together with the long red fruit, distinguish our species from all the allied forms.

27. *M. DASYACANTHA*, E. in B. C. R.: simplex, subglobosa; tuber-

culis teretibus laxis leviter sulcatis; axillis subvillosis; aculeis rectis tenuibus setaceis patulis, exterioribus 25 – 35 albidis, interioribus 7 – 13 longioribus purpureo-fuscis, centrali infero æquilongo; baccis centralibus ovatis; seminibus obovato-globosis nigricantibus scrobiculatis.

El Paso and eastward. — Specimens before me are  $1\frac{1}{2}$  –  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inches high, and a little less in diameter; tubercles 4 – 5 lines long; spines more slender and soft than in the allied species, often capillary, spreading, but not radiating, 6 – 12 lines long, only the lower exterior ones a little shorter. Seeds about half a line long. Very nearly allied to the next.

28. *M. VIVIPARA*, Haw. : simplex s. cæspitosa; tuberculis teretibus laxis leviter sulcatis; aculeis rectis rigidis, exterioribus patentissime radiantibus albidis 12 – 36, centralibus 3 – 12 robustioribus longioribus obscurioribus, singulo robustiore porrecto deflexove, ceteris sursum divergentibus; floribus subcentralibus purpureis magnis; baccis sublateralibus ovatis viridibus; seminibus obovatis scrobiculatis fulvis.

Var. *a.* *VERA* : depresso-globosa, simplex s. plerumque prolifera, cæspitosa; aculeis radialibus 14 – 20, centralibus 3 – 8.

Var. ? *β.* *RADIOSA* : ovata s. subcylindrica, simplex s. e basi ramosa; aculeis radialibus 12 – 36, centralibus 3 – 12. Subvar. *a.* *RADIOSA BOREALIS* : subglobosa; aculeis radialibus albidis 12 – 20, centralibus 3 – 6 purpureo-maculatis; floribus minoribus. — *b.* *RADIOSA NEOMEXICANA* : ovata; aculeis radialibus albidis 20 – 36, centralibus 3 – 12 supra purpurascens sphaecelatis; floribus majoribus. — *c.* *RADIOSA TEXANA* : ovato-cylindrica; aculeis radialibus albidis 20 – 30, centralibus 4 – 5 flavis s. fulvis; floribus seminibusque magnis. *M. radiosa*, *E. in Plant. Lindh.* 2. 1850.

In the Western plains, and on the Rocky Mountains: var. *a.* on the Upper Missouri and Yellowstone Rivers; *β. a.* in Northern New Mexico; *β. b.* from Western Texas to New Mexico and Sonora; *β. c.* in Texas, west of New Braunfels. — The extreme forms are certainly very unlike one another, but the transitions are so gradual that I cannot draw strict limits between them. Even the proliferous growth of the original *M. vivipara* is not constant, and I have seen many simple specimens from the Upper Missouri. The simple ones seem to flower better than the proliferous ones, which are often sterile. — Plants from 1 to 5 inches high,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  – 2 inches in diameter; tubercles 4 – 6 lines long; spines always rigid, 3 – 10 lines long. Flowers different in size,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  –  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inches in diameter, beautifully purple, with numerous narrowly lanceolate acuminate petals. Seeds  $\frac{1}{2}$  – 1 line long.

29. *M. MACROMERIS*, E. in Wisl. Rep. (*M. dactylothele*, Lab.): simplex s. e basi ramosa, ovata; tuberculis magnis patulis, laxis, tenuiter ultra medium sulcatis; aculeis tenuibus elongatis rectis s. paullo curvatis exterioribus 10–17 albidis, centralibus sub-4 longioribus robustioribus subangulatis, fuscis s. nigricantibus; floribus ex areolis supra-axillaribus in tuberculo ipso oriundis magnis; bacca subglobosa viridi; seminibus parvis lævibus fuscis.

In the valley of the Rio Grande, from Southern New Mexico to the middle course of the river near Presidio, and even lower down: fl. July and August. — A most remarkable species in many respects, and forming a transition to *Echinocactus*, though the mamillate form is so very striking. Plant 2–4 inches high; tubercles variable, 6–8 or 10–12 and even 15 lines long. Radial spines  $\frac{1}{2}$ – $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches long; central ones often  $1\frac{1}{2}$ – $2\frac{1}{4}$  inches in length. Axils always naked. Flower springing from the lower end of the groove, which runs down about two thirds of the tubercle,  $2\frac{1}{2}$ –3 inches in diameter, rose-colored or purple; not rarely with a few sepaloid scales on the ovary (and fruit). Seeds thick, but only 0.6–0.8 line long.

Subgen. 3. *ANHALONIUM*. (Gen. *Anhalonium*, Lem.; *Ariocarpus*, Scheidw.) Flores e basi tuberculorum hornotinorum triangularium subinermium vel in vertice ipso oriundi: ovarium emersum.

30. *M. FISSURATA*, E. in B. C. R.: simplex, depresso-globosa s. applanata; tuberculis e basi applanata crassis extus infraque lævibus, supra sulco centrali villosa lateralibusque glabris profunde quadripartitis sulcisque transversalibus superficialiter multifidis, inermibus; floribus e villo longo sericeo centralibus roseis; baccis ovatis virescentibus in lana densa occultis; seminibus nigris tuberculatis.

On the limestone hills, near the junction of the Pecos with the Rio Grande: fl. October. Heads 2– $4\frac{1}{2}$  inches in diameter; tubercles 6–10 lines long, and a little less broad; central longitudinal groove in the very young ones bearing dense silky wool over half an inch long, which by age becomes dirty and matted, and finally disappears entirely in the very old ones. The lower end of the groove, which only extends down as far as the rough or verrucose part of the tubercle goes (about two thirds downward), bears the flower and fruit, very much like the floriferous areola of the last-mentioned species. Flower about one inch long and wide. Seed very roughly tuberculated, different from that of any other *Mamillaria* examined by me, but quite similar to that of other *Anhalonia*.

## II. ECHINOCACTUS, Link. &amp; Otto.

Ovarium emersum baccaque sepalis stipata. Semina sæpe albuminosa. Cotyledones plus minus foliaceæ plerumque hamatæ. — Plantæ subglobosæ, costatæ; inflorescentia verticali.

§ 1. *Hamati*, Salm.

1. *E. SCHEERII*, Salm : globosus s. ovatus; costis 13 obtusis interruptis; tuberculis supra ad medium sulcatis; aculeis radialibus 15–18 setaceis, centralibus 3–4 angulatis variegatis, superioribus rectis longioribus sursum divaricatis, inferiore robustiore brevioribus hamatis; floribus minoribus flavo-virescentibus; bacca virescente; seminibus fuscis.

About Eagle Pass, on the Rio Grande: fl. August to October. — A most elegant little species,  $1\frac{1}{2}$ –2 inches high; larger spines black and white variegated; radial ones 3–6, central ones 6–12 lines long; floriferous areola united by a groove of 1–2½ lines in length with the spines, resembling the groove of the *Coryphantha*, especially of *Mamillaria macromeris*. Green flower an inch long, much less in diameter.

2. *E. BREVI-HAMATUS*, E. in B. C. R. : obovato-globosus; costis 13 compressis obtusis interruptis; tuberculis supra usque ad basin sulcatis; aculeis radialibus 12 teretibus albidis, centralibus 4 complanatis, lateralibus rectis sursum versis paullo longioribus, summo debiliore et infimo robustiore deorsum hamato brevioribus; floribus minoribus roseis.

On the San Pedro, and about Eagle Pass: fl. April. — Very similar to the last; but larger, 3–4 inches high, with fewer spines, the lower central usually hardly longer than the upper radial ones, about one inch long; lower radial spines shorter, and upper central ones longer. The rose-colored flowers are 12–16 lines long, much less wide. Fruit unknown.

3. *E. WHIPPLEI*, E. & B. in Pacific R. R. Rep. : ovato-globosus; costis 13–15 interruptis; aculeis radialibus 7 compressis albidis, centralibus 4 longioribus robustioribus compresso-quadrangulatis, summo latiore longiore, infimo robustiore deorsum hamato; seminibus magnis nigris.

On the Colorado-Chiquito, in Western New Mexico. — Plant 3–5 inches high; exterior spines 6–9 lines, upper central spine 12–18

lines long, and  $\frac{1}{2}$  –  $1\frac{1}{4}$  lines broad; other central spines a little shorter. Seed very large, over  $1\frac{1}{2}$  lines in the longest diameter. — Principally characterized by the few radial spines and the very broad upper central one, which with the former forms an almost regular circle.

4. *E. POLYANCISTRUS*, E. & B. l. c. : ovatus, s. ovato-cylindricus; costis 13 – 17 interruptis; aculeis radialibus sub-19 complanatis albis, superioribus latioribus longioribus, inferioribus setaceis, centralibus difformibus, summo complanato elongato sursum curvato albo, reliquis 5 – 10 teretiusculis purpureo-fuscis, superioribus 2 rectis, ceteris uncinatis.

Eastern slope of the California mountains, at the head of the Mojave River. — Plant 4 – 10 inches high, 3 – 4 in diameter; radial spines  $\frac{1}{2}$  – 2 inches long; upper central spine 3 – 5, the others  $1\frac{1}{2}$  –  $3\frac{1}{2}$  inches long, the lowest shorter than the others. The number of the hooked spines varies from 3 to 7, according to age and development.

5. *E. UNCINATUS*, Hopf., var. ? *WRIGHTII*, E. in B. C. R. : glaucescens, ovatus; costis 13 interruptis; tuberculis usque ad basin sulcatis; aculeis radialibus 8, inferioribus 3 uncinatis fuscis, reliquis 5 rectis, centrali singulo angulato complanato flexuoso hamato elongato erecto stramineo apice fusco; floribus fusco-purpureis minoribus.

Near El Paso and on the Rio Grande below: fl. March and April. — Plant 3 – 6 inches high, 2 –  $3\frac{1}{2}$  inches in diameter; the tuft of long, erect, straw-colored spines is very characteristic. Lower hooked radial spines about an inch long; upper ones a little longer; central spine 2 – 4 inches long. Flowers 1 –  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches long. Berry fleshy, scaly. Seeds much compressed. — The Mexican *E. uncinatus* has 7 – 8 radial spines, similarly arranged, and 4 central spines; the three upper ones not much longer than the upper radial ones and straight, the lower one elongated and hooked. The flower and seed differ also to some extent.

6. *E. SETISPINUS*, E. in Pl. Lindh. 1845: globosus, ovatus s. sub-cylindricus; costis 13 compressis acutatis angulatis; tuberculis brevissime sulcatis; aculeis radialibus 10 – 16 setaceis; centrali subsingulo robustiore terete fusco uncinato s. flexuoso curvato; floribus magnis flavis intus coccineis; bacca pisiformi coccinea; seminibus tuberculatis.

Var. *a.* *HAMATUS*: aculeis radialibus sub 12, centrali hamato robusto. — *E. hamatus*, *Muhlenpf.* *E. Muhlenpfordtii*, *Fen.*

Var. *β.* *SETACEUS*: minor; aculeis pluribus, centralibus 1 – 3 tenuioribus vix hamatis.



Texas, from the Colorado to the Rio Grande, and westward as far as the San Pedro River: fl. April to October. — It is unnecessary further to describe this well-known and well-characterized species, which is now frequently cultivated; the compressed ribs, setaceous spines, small red berry, and tuberculated seeds easily distinguish it from all its allies.

7. *E. SINUATUS*, Dietr. (1851): globosus; costis 13 compressis acutiusculis interruptis; aculeis radialibus setaceis, 3 superioribus et 3 inferioribus rectiusculis fuscatis 1, lateralibus 2–6 tenuioribus albidis flexuosis, rarissime hamatis; centralibus 4 robustioribus, 3 superioribus rectis purpureo-variegatis, inferiore compresso seu canaliculato elongato flexuoso vel hamato stramineo; floribus magnis flavis; **bacca ovata viridi; seminibus minutissime punctatis.**

Country along the Rio Grande near Eagle Pass, and from there eastward. — Intermediate between the foregoing and the next species, and considered by Dr. Poselger a connecting link between them; but easily distinguished from the former by the larger size, thicker ribs, flattened central spine, and by the shining, finely dotted seeds; from the latter, to which it approaches much more closely, by the more compressed and less strongly tuberculated ribs, the smaller number of stigmata (8–12), smaller fruit, and much more finely dotted seed. — Poselger considers this a variety of *E. setispinus*. His *E. setispinus*, var. *robustus*, has the same seeds, and no doubt also belongs here; it is said to have all the 4 central spines, and some of the radial ones, hooked. *E. Treculianus*, Lab. belongs here, or perhaps to the next.

8. *E. LONGEHAMATUS*, Gal.: subglobosus; costis 13–17 obtusis tuberculato-interruptis; tuberculis breviter sulcatis; aculeis radialibus rigidis subteretibus, infimis summisque ternis, lateralibus 2–6 longioribus; centralibus 4 robustis angulatis annulatis, quorum infimus deorsum hamatus rectus seu flexuosus, additis subinde 2–4 superioribus cum radialibus superioribus fasciculatis; floribus magnis flavis; stigmatibus 15–18; **bacca oblonga virescente squamosa; seminibus lucidis exsculptis.**

Var. *α*. *CRASSISPINUS*: aculeis robustissimis radialibus 8–11, centralibus 4 angulatis, infimo flexuoso plus minus hamato. *E. flexispinus*, *E. in Wisl. Rep. non Salm.*

Var. *β*. *GRACILISPINUS*: aculeis gracilioribus 16–20, exterioribus 12–14, centralibus 4–8, infimo elongato hamato. *E. hamatocanthus*, *Muhl.*

Var.  $\gamma$ . BREVISPINUS: aculeis gracilioribus radialibus 8–11, centralibus 4 teretibus cum infimo hamato radiales vix superantibus.

East of El Paso, near the Pecos and San Pedro Rivers, and along the middle course of the Rio Grande: var. *a.* south of the Rio Grande. Fl. July and August. — Plants from  $\frac{1}{2}$ –2 feet high; the larger ones ovate; areolæ distant; spines very different in size, in the different varieties; radial spines 1– $3\frac{1}{2}$ , central spines  $1\frac{1}{2}$ – $6\frac{1}{2}$  inches long; flowers  $2\frac{1}{2}$ – $3\frac{1}{2}$  inches long; seeds similar to the last, but with much larger pits.

## § 2. *Cornigeri.*

### A. *Heteracanthi.*

9. E. WISLIZENI, E. in Wisl. Rep.: giganteus, globoso-ovatus; costis 21 compressis crenatis; areolis elongatis; aculeis radialibus summis infimisque 6 robustis rectis seu curvatis, lateralibus 14–20 (additis subinde summis brevioribus fasciculatis) tenuibus elongatis flexuosis; centralibus 4 robustis angulatis annulatis rubellis, 3 superioribus rectis, inferiore canaliculato deorsum hamato; floribus flavis; bacca ovata squamosissima; seminibus reticulatis.

Valley of the Rio Grande about El Paso, and thence to the Upper Gila: fl. July and August. — Plant 2–4 feet high; diameter smaller; radial spines 1–2, central ones  $1\frac{1}{2}$ –3 inches long. Flowers  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inches long.

10. E. LECONTEI, E. in P. R. R.: giganteus, obovato-claviformis; costis 20–30 compressis crenatis; areolis elongatis; aculeis radialibus summis infimisque 6–10 robustis angulatis plus minus curvatis, lateralibus 10–16 (additis subinde summis brevioribus fasciculatis) tenuibus elongatis flexuosis, centralibus 4 robustis compressis annulatis corneis, 3 superioribus sursum inferiore subinde subhamato deorsum curvatis; floribus flavis; bacca ovata squamosa; seminibus scrobiculatis.

On the lower parts of the Gila and Colorado Rivers, and in Sonora: fl. August and September. Very similar to the last, but a more slender, often quite clavate plant; larger specimens 3–4 feet high, and of only one third that diameter; arrangement of spines similar, but generally 5 (not 3) radial spines below the lowest central one; central spines more compressed, upper ones curved, lower one rarely somewhat hooked; flower, fruit, and seed smaller; seed more oblong and pitted.

*E. INGENS*, Zucc., in the number and arrangement of spines, is the simple type of our more northern species: it has on the oval areolæ 4 stout cruciate central spines, 3 upper and 3 lower radial ones, and only 2 slender lateral spines. Seeds smooth. The flower seems to refer it, however, to the *Eriocarpi*.

B. *Homæacanthi*.

\* *Lepidocarpi*.

11. *E. EMORYI*, E. (in Emory's Rep. 1848, and B. C. R.): grandis, ovatus; costis 13–20 obtusis tuberculatis; areolis ovatis; aculeis radialibus 7–8 subæqualibus robustis subangulatis annulatis paullo recurvatis rubellis 1–2 pollicaribus, centrali singulo recurvo s. subhamato paullo robustiore; floribus magnis purpurascensibus.

Lower Colorado, and principally in Sonora: fl. August and September. Larger plants  $2\frac{1}{2}$ –3 feet high; spines usually 1–2, and, in a large specimen from Guaymas, nearly 3 inches long. Flowers about 3 inches long. Fruit unknown.

12. *E. VIRIDESCENS*, Nutt.: globosus, simplex seu raro ramosus; costis 13–21; aculeis robustis compressis annulatis plus minus curvatis rubellis, radialibus 12–20 infimo brevioribus magis curvatis; centralibus 4 angulatis robustioribus longioribus, infimo rectiore longiore; floribus virescentibus; bacca squamosa; seminibus minutissime scrobiculatis.

San Diego, California.—Less than a foot in diameter, globose or flattened; radial spines 5–10 lines long, 3 upper central ones a little longer, and lower central spine 12–18 lines long. Flower  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches long.

13. *E. CYLINDRACEUS*, E. in Sill. Jour. 1852: ovatus seu subcylindricus, plerumque e basi ramosus; costis 21 vel pluribus; aculeis robustis compressis annulatis plus minus curvatis flexuosisve rubellis, radialibus sub-12, aculeis adventitiis sub-5 gracilioribus supra sæpe adjectis, infimo hamato, centralibus 4 angulatis robustissimis cruciatis, superiore latiore sursum recto, inferiore decurvato; floribus flavis; bacca squamosa.

San Felipe, on the eastern slope of the Californian mountains: fl. in June.—The largest specimens seen were 3 feet high and one foot in diameter; the branches or young single plants are globose. Radial spines 1–2 inches long; central spines 1– $1\frac{1}{2}$  lines broad, about 2 inches long. Similar to the last, but well distinguished by the characters indicated.

\* \* *Eriocarpi.*

14. *E. POLYCEPHALUS*, E. & B. in P. R. R. : ovatus seu demum cylindricus, e basi ramosus ; costis 13 - 21 acutis ; aculeis robustis compressis annulatis plus minus curvatis rubellis, radialibus 4 - 8, infimo deficiente, superioribus (si exstant) gracilioribus ; centralibus 4 angulatis compressis, superiore latiore suberecto vel sursum curvato, inferiore longiore decurvo ; floribus flavis dense lanatis ; bacca sicca ; seminibus magnis angulatis.

On the Mojave, Colorado, and Gila Rivers : fl. February and March. — Single only when young, forming bunches of 20 - 30 cylindrical equal-sized heads when older ; the largest seen were 2 - 2½ feet high and about 10 inches in diameter. Exterior spines 1 - 2, interior ones 1½ - 3½, inches long. — Shape very much like the last, but the flower very distinct.

15. *E. PARRYI*, E. in B. C. R. : simplex, globosus vel depressus ; costis 13 acutis ; aculeis robustis angulatis annulatis albidis, radialibus 8 - 11, rectis s. paullo curvatis superioribus gracilioribus, infimo deficiente, centralibus 4 paullo longioribus robustioribus, infimo longiore decurvo ; bacca sicca dense lanata.

West and southwest from El Paso. — Plant always single ; largest specimens 8 - 12 inches high by 10 - 15 in diameter. — Very similar to the last ; but apparently distinct by the manner of growth and the white spines. Unfortunately, no seeds were collected.

16. *E. HORIZONTHALONIUS*, Lem., var. *CENTRISPINUS*, E. in B. C. R. : glaucus, depressus seu demum ovatus ; costis 8 obtusissimis latissimis ; areolis orbiculatis basi truncatis ; aculeis robustis compressis annulatis recurvatis rubellis demum cinereis, radialibus 5 - 7, superioribus debilioribus, infimo deficiente, centrali singulo robustiore decurvato ; floribus purpureis dense lanatis ; bacca sicca lanata ; seminibus magnis angulatis.

From Doñana, above El Paso, to the Pecos, and southward : fl. April and May. — Plant 2 - 8 inches high and 3 - 6 in diameter ; spines ¾ - 1½ inches long, nearly equal. Flower 2½ inches long, but partly enveloped in dense wool. The original *E. horizonthalonius* is said to have no central spine, and linear-lanceolate acuminate pale rose-colored petals : in our plant the petals are oblong-lanceolate and obtuse.

17. *E. TEXENSIS*, Hopf. (*E. Lindheimeri*, E. in *Pl. Lindh.* 1845) :

depressus; costis 13–27 acutis undulatis; areolis cordatis; aculeis robustis annulatis, plus minus curvatis rubellis, radialibus 6–7 infimo deficiente, centrali singulo robustiore compresso decurvato; floribus roseis dense lanatis; petalis laciniatis aristatis; bacca coccinea lanata; seminibus lævibus lucidis.

Southern Texas, and Northeastern Mexico, from the Colorado to Saltillo; not westward beyond the San Pedro River: fl. April and May. — Heads 8–12 inches in diameter, flat, or very old ones sometimes globose; spines from  $\frac{1}{2}$ –2 inches long. Flowers about 2 inches long.

### § 3. *Theloidei*, Salm.

18. *E. BICOLOR*, Gal., var. *SCHOTTII*, E. in B. C. R.: ovatus; costis 8 obtusis interruptis; aculeis radialibus 15–17 rectis, summis 2–4 longioribus latioribus compressis, centralibus 4, summo latiore longiore; floribus majoribus purpureis.

Mier, on the Rio Grande: fl. September. — Plant 4–6 inches high, 2–3 in diameter; upper radial spines about 1 inch, upper central one  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches long; lower radial and central spines reddish variegated. Flower 2–3 inches long, bright purple or rose-colored. — Distinguished from the Mexican *E. bicolor*, principally by the larger number of radial spines, and the greater length of the upper central spine, which is carinate underneath.

### § 4. *Intertexti*.

19. *E. INTERTEXTUS*, E. in B. C. R.: minor, ovato-globosus; costis 13 acutis interruptis; tuberculis sulcatis; aculeis rigidis rubellis apice fuscatis, radialibus 16–25 arcte adpressis, superioribus 5–9 tenuioribus subfasciculatis, infimo robusto brevi; centralibus 4, superioribus 3 radiales superiores excedentibus cum iis implicatis, inferiore singulo abbreviato porrecto; floribus parvis in vertice dense lanato congestis roseis; bacca vix squamata sicca; seminibus lucidis sca-phoideis.

Var.  $\beta$ . *DASYACANTHUS*, E. l. c.: ovatus; aculeis setaceis longioribus purpureo-cæsiis, radialibus patulis, centrali inferiore ceteris paullo brevior.

From El Paso to the Limpio, and southward to Chihuahua: var.  $\beta$ . more common about El Paso: fl. March and April. — Plant 1 to 4, the var.  $\beta$ . even 6 inches high, 1–3 in diameter; spines 2–6, central ones 1–9 lines long, in  $\beta$ . 6–8 and central spines 9–11 lines long. Flower about 1 inch long. Fruit 4 lines in diameter.

*E. UNGUISPINUS*, E. in Wisl. Rep., from the country between Chihuahua and Parras, belongs here. The fruit described as belonging to this species is that of *E. uncinatus*.

Subtrib. 2. CONTRARIÆ. Cotyledones facie hilum versus spectantes, lateribus seminis ~~parallelæ~~ *contrariæ*

### III. CEREUS, Haw.

Ovarium baccaque sepalis squamiformibus in axillis plerumque pulvilligeris stipatæ. Stamina tubo floris breviori seu elongato infundibuliformi gradatim adnata. Semina fere exalbuminosa. Cotyledones abbreviatæ seu foliaceæ, plerumque hamatæ. — Plantæ costatæ, inflorescentia laterali.

Subgen. 1. ECHINOCEREUS, E. in Wisl. Rep.: ovarium aculeolatum: tubus floris abbreviatus, subcampanulatus: stigmata crassa viridia: semina tuberculosa: cotyledones suberectæ. — Plantæ humiles, sæpe subglobosæ, e basi ramosæ vel ramosissimæ.

§ 1. *Pectinati*, multicostati; areolis confertissimis plerumque elongatis, aculeis rigidis brevibus pectinatis.

#### \* *Viridiflori*.

1. *C. VIRIDIFLORUS*, E. in Wisl. Rep.: ovatus seu demum cylindricus, simplex vel parce ramosus; costis sub-13; areolis ovato-lanceolatis; aculeis arcte radiantibus 12 – 18 cum superioribus 2 – 6 setaceis, lateralibus cæteris longioribus, inferioribus plerumque purpureo-fuscis, cæteris albidis, centrali plerumque nullo, subinde singulo robustiore variegato; floribus versus apicem lateralibus e flavo virescentibus minoribus; baccis ellipticis parvis; seminibus tuberculatis.

Var. *a. MINOR*: subglobosus; aculeis gracilibus brevibus.

Var. *β. CYLINDRICUS*: major, elongatus; aculeis rigidioribus longioribus.

Throughout Western Texas and New Mexico. Var. *a.* about Santa Fé and northeastward: *β.* east of El Paso. Fl. May and June. — The small form is 1 – 2 inches high, with spines rarely more than 2 lines long: the larger form, *β.* is 3 – 6 or more inches high, its spines 2 – 5 or 6 lines long: central spines, when present, longer and stouter. Flower about 1 inch long.

2. *C. CHLORANTHUS*, E. in B. C. R.: cylindricus, simplex, seu parce ramosus; costis 13 – 18; areolis ovatis; aculeis laxè radiantibus 12 –

20 cum superioribus 5-10 setaceis plerumque albidis; centralium 3-5 superioribus 2 brevioribus purpurascens, inferioribus 1-3 longioribus deflexis albidis; floribus in caule inferiore lateralibus e flavo virescentibus minoribus; baccis parvis; seminibus tuberculato-scrbiculatis.

Common about El Paso: fl. April. — Stems 3-10 inches high,  $1\frac{1}{2}$ -2 inches in diameter; radial spines 2-5, central ones 9-15, lines long. Flowers very similar to those of the last species, but seeds different.

\* \* *Flaviflori.*

3. *C. DASYACANTHUS*, E. in Wisl. Rep.: subcylindricus, simplex vel e basi ramosus; costis 16-21; areolis ovatis; aculeis 20-30 patulis cinereis apice sæpe rubellis, interioribus 3-8 paullo robustioribus deflexis; floribus subterminalibus magnis; bacca subglobosa; seminibus tuberculatis.

Var.  $\beta$ . MINOR: aculeis paucioribus; bacca minore.

Common about El Paso: fl. April. — Plant 5-12 inches high, densely covered with numberless spines. Flowers 3 inches wide, yellow, an uncommon color in *Cerei*. Fruit an inch in diameter; in var.  $\beta$ . only half as large.

4. *C. CTENOIDES*, E. in B. C. R.: subsimplex, ovatus, 15-costatus; areolis lanceolatis; aculeis albidis, radialibus 14-20 pectinatis, centralibus 2-3 uniseriatis brevibus; floribus magnis.

Eagle Pass on the Rio Grande: fl. June. — Plant 2-4 inches high, thick in proportion; spines 1-4 lines long. Flower large. — Similar to the last, but distinguished by the characters given, which, with the exception of the yellow flower, bring it close to *C. pectinatus*.

\* \* \* *Rubriflori.*

5. *C. PECTINATUS*, E. (*Echinocactus pectinatus*, Scheid.): ovato-cylindricus, 18-23-costatus; areolis lanceolatis; aculeis radialibus 16-20 subrecurvis pectinatis apice roseis, centralibus 2-5 brevissimis uniseriatis; tubo floris purpurei pulvillis 60-70 aculeolos rigidos 10-15 gerentibus stipato.

Var.  $\beta$ .? ARMATUS, Poselg.: costis 15-16; aculeis radialibus 16-20, centrali singulo cæteris longiore.

Var.  $\gamma$ .? RIGIDISSIMUS, E. in B. C. R.: costis 20-22; aculeis e basi bulbosa subulatis rigidissimis albidis seu rubellis 15-22 centralibus nullis; florum subverticalium tubo pulvillis 80-100 dense stipato.

South of the Rio Grande, Chihuahua, &c. — The var.  $\beta$ . from Monterey may belong either here or to the next species. The var.  $\gamma$ . from Sonora, without any central spines, and with very rigid radial ones, 1 – 4½ lines long, is not yet sufficiently known to decide about its affinities.

6. *C. CÆSPITOSUS*, E. in Pl. Lindh. 1845 : ovato-cylindricus, 12 – 18-costatus ; areolis lanceolatis ; aculeis radialibus 20 – 30 rectis seu subrecurvis pectinatis albidis, centrali nullo vel raro, uno alterove brevissimo ; tubo floris purpurei pulvillis 80 – 100 aculeolos capillares 6 – 12 obscuros lanamque longam cineream gerentibus dense stipato.

Var. *a.* MINOR : aculeis brevioribus gracilioribus non intertextis ; floribus minoribus.

Var.  $\beta$ . MAJOR : aculeis longioribus robustioribus intertextis ; floribus majoribus.

Var.  $\gamma$ . CASTANEUS : aculeis rubellis seu castaneis.

From the Canadian near Delaware Mount, to the Rio Grande, and south to Monterey ; west not farther than the San Pedro River : fl. in May and June. — This species, now not rare in cultivation, seems to be sufficiently distinct from the preceding, and may always be recognized by the characters indicated.

7. ? *C. ADUSTUS*, E. in Wisl. Rep. : ovatus, 13 – 15 costatus ; areolis ovatis seu ovato-lanceolatis ; aculeis radialibus 16 – 20 adpressis albidis apice adustis, lateralibus inferioribusque longioribus, summis setaceis brevissimis, centrali nullo seu valido porrecto atrofusco.

Mountains west of Chihuahua : flower and fruit unknown. — *Echinocereus radians*, E. is the form with stout central spines.

8. ? *C. RUFISPINUS*, E. l. c. : ovato-cylindricus, 11-costatus ; areolis lanceolatis ; aculeis radialibus 16 – 18 adpressis intertextis, lateralibus cæteris multo longioribus fuscis recurvatis, centrali singulo valido fusco porrecto ; flore infundibuliformi, tubo subelongato, limbo patulo ; stigmatibus 8 tenuibus albidis.

Mountains west of Chihuahua : fl. in May. — Stem four inches high : radial spines 4 – 9 lines, central one about an inch, long. Flower different from that of all other *Echinocerei* in the length of the tube (over 2 inches long, and half as wide) and the whitish stigmata. Seems to form a transition to other sections of the genus.

9. ? *C. LONGISETUS*, E. in B. C. R. : subsimplex, ovato-cylindricus ; costis 11 – 14 tuberculatis ; areolis orbiculatis ; aculeis setaceis albis,



radialibus 18 – 20, centralibus 5 – 7, quorum 3 inferiores elongati deflexi.

Santa Rosa, south of the Rio Grande. — Stem 6 – 9 inches high; tubercles well marked; lower radial spines 5 – 7 lines long, much longer than the upper ones; lower central spines 1 – 2 inches long. Flower said to be red.

*C. C. Proctori*

§ 2. *Decalophi.*

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*x flori*

\* *Purpurei; floribus diurnis.*

*g. r. C. subinermis*

10. *C. FENDLERI*, E. in Pl. Fendl.: ovato-cylindricus; costis 9 – 12; areolis subconfertis; aculeis basi bulbosis, radialibus 7 – 10 rectis seu curvatis albidis et fuscis, inferioribus robustioribus, centrali valido sursum curvato atrofusco plerumque elongato; floribus sub vertice lateralibus magnis; seminibus obliquis tuberculato-scröbiculatis.

New Mexico, from Santa Fé to below El Paso, and from east of the Pecos to Zuni: fl. in May and June. — Stems 3 – 8 inches high, not many from the same base; spines very variable, but always very bulbous at the base, and some of them white, some deep brown or black, and others party-colored; radial ones  $\frac{1}{2}$  – 1 inch, and the central one 1 – 2 inches long. Flower  $2\frac{1}{2}$  –  $3\frac{1}{2}$  inches in diameter, of a deep purple color. Berry 1 –  $1\frac{1}{4}$  inch long, edible. Seed deeply and irregularly pitted by the confluence of many of the tubercles, unusually oblique.

11. ? *C. MOJAVENSIS*, E. & B. in P. R. R.: ovatus, dense cæspitosus, glaucescens, 10 – 12 costatus; areolis remotis; aculeis validis curvatis, radialibus 7 – 8, lateralibus robustioribus longioribus, centrali singulo sursum curvato elongato.

Var.  $\beta$ . ? *ZUNIENSIS*: 10-costatus; aculeis debilioribus 4-angulatis bulbosis rectis vel flexuosis, radialibus 8, summo longiore robustiore; centrali recto seu sursum curvato longiore, omnibus bulbosis.

On the Mojave River in California, and  $\beta$ . farther east, on the Colorado Chiquito. Ovate heads 2 – 3 inches high, forming dense cæspitose masses; upper and lower spines 9 – 15 lines, lateral ones 15 – 25 lines long, central spine  $1\frac{1}{2}$  –  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inches long, dusky. Var.  $\beta$ . is distinguished by having the upper radial spine almost as stout and long as the central spine, the former being 12 – 18, the latter 18 – 24 lines long. Both seem to be distinguished from the nearly allied *C. Fendleri* by having the lowest spines weakest, while in that species they are the stoutest of the exterior ones. The resemblance to *C.*

*Fendleri* induces me to place this species here, though the flower remains unknown.

12. *C. ENNEACANTHUS*, E. in Wisl. Rep. : ovato-cylindricus, viridis, cæspitosus, 7-10 costatis; aculeis rectis, radialibus 7-12 (plerumque sub-8) albis, inferioribus longioribus; centrali singulo (rarius 2-3) basi bulboso teretiusculo seu compresso angulato albido vel stramineo; ovario pulvillis 25-35 aculeolos 6-12 gerentibus stipato; seminibus tuberculatis.

In the Rio Grande valley from El Paso to Laredo, and lower down, and far into Mexico: fl. April and May. — A very cæspitose plant, of a wrinkled or withered appearance; 3-6 inches high; spines above 3-5, below 8-16 lines long; lateral ones intermediate; central spine extremely variable, in smaller specimens terete, in very perfect ones elongated, flattened, 8 or 10-15 or 20 lines long. Flowers 2-3 inches long and equally wide: ovary and tube covered with numerous bunches of spines. Fruit about an inch long, edible.

13. *C. STRAMINEUS*, E. in B. C. R. : ovato-cylindricus, cæspitoso-conglomeratus, 11-13-costatus, læte viridis; aculeis radialibus 7-10 rectis vel curvatis albis subæqualibus, centralibus 3-4 angulatis elongatis sæpe flexuosis; floribus magnis purpureis; ovario pulvillis 30-40 aculeolos subsingulos gerentibus stipato; bacca magna fasciculis aculeolorum elongatorum stipata; seminibus tuberculatis.

Mountain slopes, from El Paso to the Pecos and Gila Rivers: fl. June. Often from 100 to 200 heads in one hemispherical mass, each 5-9 inches high; radial spines mostly 8,  $\frac{3}{4}$  -  $1\frac{1}{4}$ , central ones 2-3 $\frac{1}{2}$  inches long, younger ones dirty yellow and brown, like old straw. Flower 3-4 inches long, very full, bright purple. Berry 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  - 2 inches long, luscious.

14. *C. DUBIUS*, E. in B. C. R. : ovato-cylindricus, cæspitosus, pallide viridis, 7-9 costatus; aculeis radialibus 5-8 albidis, superioribus sæpe nullis, centralibus 1-4 angulatis plus minus elongatis sæpe curvatis; floribus pallide purpureis; ovario pulvillis sub-20 aculeolos 1-2 gerentibus stipato; bacca minore aculeolata; seminibus tuberculato-scrobiculatis.

Sandy bottoms of the Rio Grande at El Paso: fl. May and June. Stems 5-8 inches high, somewhat cæspitose, of a pale green color, and a soft flabby texture: ribs broad, fewer; radial spines 6-12 or 15 lines long; central spines 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  - 3 inches long, flowers 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  inches long, with fewer and narrower petals. Fruit 1-1 $\frac{1}{2}$  inches long, covered

with bunches of spines which, as in the last species, on the flower are indicated only by few and short bristles. Seed with tubercles confluent, and leaving pits between them. Nearly allied to the two last, but sufficiently well distinguished by the characters given.

15. *C. ENGELMANNI*, Parry in Sill. Journ. 1852: ovato-cylindricus, 11 – 13 costatus; aculeis radialibus sub-13 albidis, superioribus cæteris multo brevioribus, centralibus 4 longioribus angulatis rectis, 3 superioribus fulvis arrectis, inferiore longiore albido porrecto seu deflexo; floribus lateralibus; seminibus tuberculato-scrobiculatis.

Var.  $\beta$ . *CHRYSOCENTRUS*, E. & B. in P. R. R.: aculeis radialibus 12 – 14 albidis, centralibus 3 superioribus validis vitellinis erectis, inferiore albo compresso deflexo.

Var.  $\gamma$ . *VARIEGATUS*, E. & B. l. c.: aculeis radialibus sub-13 albidis, centralibus 3 superioribus recurvatis divaricatis nigris corneo-variegatis, inferiore longiore albo decurvo.

Lower Gila, Colorado, and westward to the California mountains: fl. June and July. — Stems 5 – 10 inches high; radial spines slender, 3 – 6 lines, central ones 1 – 2 inches long. Fruit near the top of the plant. — Dr. Bigelow collected a little farther north, on Bill Williams's Fork, the two forms which I have put under  $\beta$ . and  $\gamma$ .; though they differ from the species by having the fruit lower down on the plant; the arrangement of the spines, however, is entirely identical. Var.  $\beta$ . has very stout central spines, 2 – 3 inches long, of a deep golden-yellow color, and the lower one shorter. In var.  $\gamma$ . the central spines are only 1 – 2 inches long, much curved, and the upper ones white and black mottled.

\* \* *Coccinei; floribus diu noctuque apertis.*

16. ? *C. GONACANTHUS*, E. & B. in P. R. R.: ovatus, subsimplex, 7-costatus; areolis remotis; aculeis robustis angulatis sæpe curvatis, radialibus 8 flavidis sæpe basi obscuris, summo cæteris multo majore centralem multangulatum validum sæpe flexuosum subæquante.

Near Zuni, in Western New Mexico, under cedars. — Radial spines 8 – 15 lines long, upper one and central spine  $1\frac{1}{4}$  –  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inches long, remarkably stout, angular and channelled. — I have not seen the flower of this plant, but place it here from its resemblance to the next species; on the other hand, it seems to be allied to *C. Mojavensis*.

17. *C. TRIGLOCHIDIATUS*, E. in Wisl. Rep.: ovato-cylindricus, 6 – 7 costatus, parce ramosus; areolis remotis; aculeis 3 – 6 robustis an-

gularis compressis rectis seu curvatis laxè radiantibus; floris coccinei staminibus petala obtusa subæquantibus; stigmatibus 8 – 10.

Northern New Mexico, at Santa Fé, and to the east and westward: fl. June. — Stems 4 – 6 inches high, 2 – 3 in diameter, with sharp ridges and very shallow grooves; spines 6 – 15 lines long. Flower 2 – 3 inches long; petals rigid. Fruit unknown.

18. *C. PHÆNICEUS*, E. in P. R. R. (*C. coccineus*, E. in *Wisl. Rep. non Salm.*): ovatus seu subglobosus, obtusus, cæspitosus, 9 – 11-costatus; areolis ovato-orbiculatis subconfertis; aculeis setaceis rectis, radialibus 8 – 12 albidis, superioribus cæteris paullo brevioribus, centralibus 1 – 3 basi bulbosis teretibus paullo robustioribus; staminibus petalis brevioribus; stigmatibus 6 – 8.

Northern New Mexico, from the Upper Pecos to Santa Fé, Zuni, and the San Francisco mountains: fl. May and June. — Heads 2 – 3 inches high, 2 inches thick, generally forming dense hemispherical masses, often of a foot or more in diameter; radial spines 3 – 6, central ones 5 – 10 lines long. When there are several, the lowest one longest. Fruit unknown.

*C. CONOIDEUS*, E. & B. l. c.: ovatus, versus apicem acutatus, conoideus, e basi parce ramosus 9 – 11 costatus; aculeis radialibus 10 – 12 gracilibus rigidis, summis brevioribus, centralium 3 – 5 infimo 4-angulato elongato demum deflexo.

Rocky places on the Upper Pecos, and perhaps San Francisco mountains. — Heads 3 – 4 inches high, few, of unequal height from one base; upper radial spines 2 – 5 lines, lateral ones 6 – 15 lines long; upper central spines hardly longer than the lateral ones; lower one 1 – 3 inches long, angular and often compressed. The Mexican *C. acifer*, Otto, seems similar, but is a higher plant, with much stouter spines. *C. Ræmeri*, Muhlenpf. A. G. Z. 1848, from Western Texas, may belong here or to *C. enneacanthus*. A specimen among Dr. Bigelow's collections seems to unite this form with *C. phæniceus*, where for the present it is perhaps best to leave our plant, as a variety or sub-species.

19. *C. POLYACANTHUS*, E. in *Wisl. Rep.*: ovato-cylindricus, cæspitosus, subglaucescens, 9 – 13 costatus; aculeis robustis rigidis rectis albidis seu rubello-cinereis, centralibus 3 – 4 bulbosis paullo robustioribus æquilongis seu longioribus, junioribus sæpe fusco-variegatis; stigmatibus 8.

Common about El Paso, and thence to the mountains of Chihuahua:

fl. March and April. — Heads 5 – 10 inches high,  $2\frac{1}{2}$  – 4 in diameter; upper radial spines  $\frac{1}{2}$ , lateral and lower ones  $\frac{3}{4}$  – 1 inch long; central spines hardly longer, or the lower sometimes  $1\frac{1}{2}$  –  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inches long. Flowers 2 – 3 inches long, profusely covering the plant for four or six weeks. Seed the largest of any *Echinocerei* known to me, 0.8 – 0.9 of a line long.

20. *C. RÆMERI*, E. in Pl. Lindh. 1850: ovatus, cæspitosus, læte viridis; costis 7 – 9 tuberculatis interruptis; areolis orbiculatis, junioribus breviter tomentosus; aculeis teretibus robustis albidis seu junioribus flavidulis demum cinereis, radialibus sub-8, centrali singulo robustiore porrecto; floribus lateralibus infundibuliformibus limbo erectiusculo; pulvillis ovarii tubique 16 – 18 albo-tomentosis aculeolos 3 – 5 gerentibus; sepalis interioribus 7 – 8 ovato-oblongis carinatis obtusis mucronatis; petalis 9 – 12 obovato-spathulatis obtusis integris concavis rigidis suberectis; stylo longe supra stamina albida sursum rosea exserto; stigmatibus 6 – 7 petala æquantibus erecto-patulis viridibus acutiusculis.

In the granitic region about the Llano River, Western Texas: fl. May: fruit unknown. — Often 5 – 12 from the same base, densely cæspitose; single heads 3 – 4 inches high, 2 –  $2\frac{1}{2}$  in diameter; areolæ 6 – 8 lines apart; radial spines 5 – 12 lines long, upper ones usually a little shorter than the rest; central spine 10 – 15 lines long. Flower 2 inches long and only one in diameter, remaining open day and night for a whole week, if the weather is not too warm. — Allied to the last species; but distinct by the shorter heads, fewer ribs, fewer and paler spines, and smaller flower, with less numerous parts.

21. ? *C. PAUCISPINUS*, E. in B. C. R.: ovato-cylindricus, parce ramosus vel simplex, 5 – 7-costatus; areolis remotis; aculeis robustis 3 – 6 radiantibus fuscatis, centrali nullo vel raro robusto subangulato.

Western Texas, from the San Pedro to the mouth of the Pecos. — Stem 5 – 9 inches high, 2 – 3 in diameter; spines 9 – 16 lines long, dark-colored, the central one almost always wanting. Flower and fruit unknown.

22. ? *C. HEXAEDRUS*, E. & B. in P. R. R.: ovatus subsimplex, 6-costatus; areolis remotis; aculeis rectis rigidis tenuibus angulatis, radialibus 5 – 7 flavo-rubellis, inferiore brevior, centrali paullo robustiore (juniore fuscato) sæpe deficiente.

Near Zuni, in Western New Mexico. — Heads few in each plant, or single, 4 – 6 inches high, 2 –  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inches in diameter. Radial spines

mostly 6 lines, lower ones 6–10 lines, upper ones 8–15 lines long; central spine, if present, 12–15 lines long.

§ 3. *Pentalophi.*

23. *C. BERLANDIERI*, E. in B. C. R.: humilis, perviridis; caule diffuso subtereti articulato ramosissimo; tuberculis conicis 5–6-fariis; aculeis 6–8 setaceis brevibus radiantibus albidis, centrali singulo multo longiore fusco; floribus magnis; petalis angustis recurvatis; seminibus tuberculatis.

On the Nueces, in Southern Texas: fl. May and June. — Stems  $1\frac{1}{2}$ –6 inches long, one inch thick; radial spines 4–5 lines long, central one 6–12 lines long, toward the base of the branches shorter. Flower 2–4 inches long.

24. *C. PROCUMBENS*, E. in Pl. Lindh. 1850: humilis, perviridis; caule diffuso subtereti 4–5 angulato articulato ramosissimo; aculeis 4–6 radiantibus albidis, centrali nullo vel singulo paullo longiore obscuro; floribus magnis; petalis obovato-spathulatis patulis seu subrecurvis; seminibus tenuissime verrucosis.

On the Rio Grande, below Matamoras: fl. May and June. — Similar to the last; but more slender, 6–8 lines in diameter; radial spines 1–2 lines long, central one, if present, 2–3 lines long. Flower above 3 inches long.

§ 4. *Graciles.*

25. *C. TUBEROSUS*, Poselger: e radice tuberosa tenuissimus, teres, sursum incrassatus, demum articulatus, 8-costatus; aculeis minutis setaceis, 9–12 radiantibus, centrali singulo longiore sursum adpresso; flore subterminali; seminibus minutis scrobiculatis.

Between Laredo and Mier on the Rio Grande. Tuberos root  $\frac{1}{2}$ – $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches thick. Stem above 4–8 lines thick; radial spines hardly 1 line, central ones 2–3 lines long. Seed smaller than in any other *Echinocereus*, 0.4 line long, with the tubercles confluent.

Subgen. 2. *EUCEREUS*. Caulis elongatus: fasciculi aculeorum steriles et florigeri similes: floris tubus elongatus, sæpissime aculeolis capillaceis munitus: stigmata pallida: semina lævia seu raro rugosa: embryo hamatus.

26. *C. EMORYI*, E. in Sill. Journ. 1852: prostratus; ramis adscendentibus 15-costatis; areolis confertis; aculeis setaceis rigidis flavis,

radialibus 40–50 stellatis, centrali unico longiore robustiore; flore flavo breviusculo; bacca aculeatissima; seminibus magnis lucidis.

On hills near San Diego, California, growing in thick patches. — Stems several feet long; branches 6–9 inches high,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches in diameter. Fruit very spinose, with seeds over one line in length.

27. *C. VARIABILIS*, Pfeiff.: erectus, 3–4 angulatus; areolis remotis; aculeis 4–6 brevibus radiantibus, 2–4 interioribus validis elongatis inæqualibus divaricatis, centrali deflexo; flore magno albo nocturno; bacca coccinea aculeolata; seminibus magnis lævibus.

On the lower Rio Grande: fl. in May and June. — Well known from all parts of tropical America. Fruit 3 to 10 feet high, 2 inches in diameter; larger spines 12–18 lines long. Fruit 2–3 inches long, nearly 2 inches in diameter.

28. *C. GREGGII*, E. in Wisl. Rep. <sup>1868</sup>: gracilis, e radice crassa napi-formi erectus; ramis 3–6-angulatis, rufescentibus; areolis confertis; aculeis e basi bulbosa abrupte subulatis brevissimis nigricantibus, radialibus 6–9, centralibus 1–2; floris elongati albidii tubo aculeolis capillaceis flexuosis munito; bacca sessili obovata apice rostrata; seminibus rugosis. *C. Pottii Salva 1850*

Var. *a.* CISMONTANUS: areolis elongatis; petalis latioribus.

Var. *β.* TRANSMONTANUS: areolis ovato-orbiculatis; petalis angustioribus.

From Western Texas to Sonora, and south to Chihuahua: fl. May and June. — Root a large fleshy tuber, sometimes 6 inches in diameter. Stems 2–3 feet high, 9–12 lines thick, usually 4- or 5-angled; spines  $\frac{1}{2}$ –1 line long, very sharp; lower ones longer. Flower 6 or 8 inches long, 2– $2\frac{1}{2}$  wide. Fruit 1– $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches long. Seed  $1\frac{1}{4}$ – $1\frac{1}{2}$  lines long.

Subgen. 3. LEPIDOCEREUS. Caulis elongatus: fasciculi aculeorum steriles et florigeri similes: floris tubus brevior squamosus: phylla numerosissima: stigmata pallida: semina lævia: embryo hamatus.

29. *C. GIGANTEUS*, E. in Emory's Rep. 1848: erectus, elatus, parce erecto-ramosus, 18–21-costatus; aculeis 12–16 radialibus inæqualibus, centralibus sub-6 robustis basi bulbosis corneis basi nigris cæteros superantibus, infimo longiore deflexo; floribus subterminalibus albidis; bacca obovata demum 3–4-valvi.

From the Lower Gila north to Williams's River (better known

among western travellers as Bill Williams's Fork), and south into Sonora : fl. May – July ; fr. July and August. — A now well-known plant to travellers and botanists, 30 – 50 feet high, 1 – 2 feet in diameter ; central spines  $1\frac{1}{2}$  –  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inches long. The yellowish-white flower 3 – 4 inches long. Fruit 2 – 3 inches long, often pear-shaped, and opening with 3 or 4 irregular recurved valves.

30. *C. THUBBERI*, E. in Sill. Journ. 1854: caulibus erectis vel adscendentibus pluribus elatioribus articulatis 13 – 14-costatis ; aculeis 7 – 15 gracilibus fusco-atris valde inæqualibus ; ovario tuboque imbricato-squamato ; bacca globosa magna.

Sonora, west of the Sierra Madre : fl. June and July. — Stems 5 – 15 from one root, 10 – 15 feet high, 4 – 6 inches in diameter ; spines slender, flexible, from 5 – 18 lines long. Flowers 3 inches long, white. Fruit like a large orange, of delicious flavor.

Subgen 4. *PILOCEREUS*. Caulis elatus : fasciculi aculeorum steriles a floriferis tenuioribus longioribus distincti : floris tubus brevis squamosus : phylla pauciora : stigmata pallida : semina lævia : embryo hamatus (in specie nostra !).

31. *C. SCHOTTII*, E. in B. C. R. : caulibus erectis vel adscendentibus pluribus elatioribus articulatis 4 – 7-costatis ; areolis in articulis sterilibus remotis ; aculeis brevibus robustis, radialibus 4 – 6, centrali unico ; areolis in articulis floriferis confertis ; aculeis 15 – 25 longioribus setaceis flexuosis e rubello cinereis ; floribus carneis minoribus, tubo gracili decurvo ; bacca parva.

Sonora, towards Santa Magdalena : fl. July. Stems 8 – 10 from the same base, often growing in dense clusters, 8 or 10 feet high, with 2 – 4 articulations, 4 or 5 inches in diameter. Spines of the sterile part of the plant 3 – 4 lines long, on the fertile joints 1 – 4 inches long, pendulous, forming a reddish-gray beard, in which the flower (not 2 inches long) is somewhat hidden. Seeds large : cotyledons hooked, exactly as in the last two species. This is evidently a *Pilocereus*, but with the seed of a true *Cereus*, thus reuniting the former with the latter.

### Trib. II. ROTATÆ, Miquel.

Aphyllæ seu foliosæ. Flores tubo abbreviato subrotati. Cotyledones facie versus hilum spectantes seminis lateri contrariæ (incumbentes).



## IV. OPUNTIA, Tourn.

Ovarium sepalis subulatis caducis axillâ pulvilligeris instructum. Semina magna, compressa, discoidea, sæpe marginata, albida. Cotyledones foliaceæ, circa albumen curvatæ, plerumque incumbentes. — Plantæ articulatæ; articulis complanatis seu teretibus plus minus tuberculatis; foliis subulatis caducis axillâ pulvillos setosos plerumque aculeiferos gerentibus; aculeis apice retrorsum hispidis.

## ANALYSIS.

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| I. Petala parva, subulata, suberecta.  | Subgen. 1. STENOPUNTIA.    |
| II. Petala lata, obovata seu obcordata.  |                            |
| 1. Articuli complanati: embryo circa albumen par-<br>cum spiraliter convolutus.  | Subgen. 2. PLATOPUNTIA.    |
| A. Bacca succosa: margo seminum ple-<br>rumque angustior ( <i>Sarcocarpeæ</i> ). |                            |
| a. Glabræ.   |                            |
| * Bacca parva subglobosa.  | § 1. <i>Microcarpeæ</i> .  |
| * * Articuli magni: aculei<br>pauci compressi.                                   | § 2. <i>Grandes</i> .      |
| * * * Articuli minores: acu-<br>lei setiformes.                                  | § 3. <i>Setispinæ</i> .    |
| * * * * Articuli minores:<br>aculei pauci, robusti, te-<br>retes.                | § 4. <i>Vulgares</i> .     |
| b. Pubescentes.  | § 5. <i>Pubescentes</i> .  |
| B. Bacca sicca: margo seminum plerum-<br>que latissimus.                         | § 6. <i>Xerocarpeæ</i> .   |
| 2. Articuli cylindranei: embryo circa albumen co-<br>piosius subcircularis.      | Subgen. 3. CYLINDROPUNTIA. |
| A. Articuli abbreviati, clavati.   | § 1. <i>Clavatæ</i> .      |
| B. Articuli cylindranei, elongati.   | § 2. <i>Cylindricæ</i> .   |

Subgen. 1. STENOPUNTIA, E. in B. C. R. Articuli complanati: flores parvi: petala subulata: stigmata pauca.

1. O. STENOPETALA, E. l. c.: prostrata; articulis magnis; aculeis 1-3 cum minoribus 1-3 ancipitibus deflexis atrofuscis; ovario pulvillis confertis stipato; sepalis petalisque subulatis suberectis; stylo inflato; stigmatate simplici.

On the battle-field of Buena Vista, south of Saltillo. Nearly allied to the Mexican *O. grandis*, Hort. Angl., which has very similar flowers, but is an erect plant, with few and white spines, and 2 or 3 acute stigmata.

*perhaps the same*

Subgen. 2. *PLATOPUNTIA*, E. l. c. Articuli complanati: flores magni: bacca pulposa vel rarius sicca: semina late marginata: embryo plusquam circularis circa albumen parcum spiraliter convolutus: cotyledones semper contrariæ.

§ 1. *Microcarpeæ*: suberectæ: aculei plurimi, colorati: bacca parva subglobosa.

2. *O. STRIGIL*, E. in B. C. R.: suberecta, articulis ovatis orbiculatisve; pulvillis confertis; aculeis 5-8 radiantibus deflexis rufis apice flavis; bacca parva late umbilicata rubra; seminibus parvis anguste marginatis.

Between the Pecos and El Paso. — Plant 2 feet high; joints 4-5 inches long; spines an inch or less in length. Fruit 6-7 lines long.

§ 2. *Grandes*: erectæ seu procumbentes: articuli magni: aculei pauci, validi, compressi, plerumque colorati: bacca major vel magna, plerumque ovata.

\* *Subinermes*.

3. *O. FICUS-INDICA*, Mill: cultivated south of the Rio Grande, under the name *Nopal Castellano*.

\* \* *Flavispinæ*.

† *Erectæ*.

4. *O. TUNA*, Mill: cultivated about the old missions in the southern parts of Upper California, under the name *Tuña*. Specimens gathered at Beaufort, on the coast of South Carolina, (probably introduced,) may belong here.

5. *O. ENGELMANNI*, Salm: erecta, grandis; articulis obovatis; pulvillis remotis setas stramineas rigidas inæquales aculeosque 1-3 compressos stramineos basi rufos gerentibus; floris flavi intus rubelli ovario subgloboso; stigmatibus 8-10; bacca obovata late umbilicata; seminibus minoribus.

From the Canadian River to the mouth of the Rio Grande, and westward from the Gulf to Chihuahua and El Paso: fl. May and June. — Plant 4-6 feet high; joints a foot long or less; leaves subulate, 3-4 lines long; larger spines 1-1½ inches long. Flower 2½-3 inches in diameter. Fruit usually 2 inches long, 1½ in diameter, juicy, but of a somewhat nauseous taste. Seeds 1½-2 lines in diameter. A plant observed by Dr. Blackie on Bayou Bœuf, Western Louisiana, 5½ feet high, joints 9 inches long, reddish-yellow flowers, is probably this species.

*O. Lindheimeri*, E. Pl. Lindh., is partly this same plant, partly a hybrid form between it and perhaps *O. Rafinesquii*, with narrow clavate fruit.

*O. ENGELMANNI*, var. ? *CYCLODES*, E. & B. in P. R. R. : articulis orbiculatis ; aculeis validioribus subsingulis ; bacca parva globosa ; seminibus majoribus.

On the Upper Pecos, in New Mexico. Joints 6 – 7 inches, and fruit 1 or 1½ inches in diameter.

*O. DULCIS*, E. in B. C. R., is a doubtful plant, of which we have not material enough. It has been found near the middle course of the Rio Grande, near Presidio del Norte, &c. It is similar to *O. Engelmanni*, and may be a form of it ; but it is lower, more spreading, with a similar but very sweet fruit, and small, regular seeds.

The following may be considered as a subspecies : —

*O. OCCIDENTALIS*, E. & B. in P. R. R. : erecta, patulo-ramosissima ; articulis grandibus obovatis vel rhomboideis ; pulvillis remotis setas graciles confertas et aculeos 1 – 3 validos compressos deflexos albidos basi obscuriores et inferiores paucos graciliores gerentibus ; floris flavi intus rubelli ovario obovato ; bacca obovata late umbilicata ; seminibus majoribus.

On the western slope of the California mountains, near San Diego and Los Angeles : fl. June. — Plant 4 feet high, forming large thickets ; the joints 9 – 12 inches long ; pulvilli with very fine closely-set bristles ; spines about one inch long. Apparently distinct from *O. Engelmanni* by its manner of growth, the very fine bristles, and the larger seeds.

There are also some indications of another form, growing on hills and plains near San Diego, California, and on the neighboring sea-beach, with higher and more upright growth, and coarser bristles on the pulvilli, but which I cannot well distinguish from *O. Engelmanni*. I have seen no fruit or seed of it.

6. *O. CHLOROTICA*, E. & B. in P. R. R. : caule erecto aculeis flavis numerosissimis fasciculatis armato ; articulis orbiculato-obovatis pallidis ; pulvillis subremotis setas difformes confertas aculeosque 3 – 6 inæquales compressos stramineos gerentibus ; floris flavi ovario pulvillis confertis stipato ; petalis spathulatis.

Western Colorado country, between New Mexico and California, from the San Francisco mountains to Mojave Creek. — Plant 4 – 6 feet high, forming large and sometimes spreading bushes ; the trunk

covered with spines 1–2 inches long; joints 8–10 by 6–8 inches in length; spines  $\frac{1}{2}$ – $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches long. Ovary with nearly 50 pulvilli, while the foregoing species have not more than 20.

†† *Procumbentes.*

7. *O. PROCUMBENS*, E. & B. l. c.: prostrata; articulis orbiculato-obovatis grandibus pallide viridibus; pulvillis remotis setas stramineas rigidas valde inæquales et aculeos 2–4 validos compressos angulatos stramineos basi obscuriores gerentibus.

San Francisco mountains to Cactus Pass, in Western New Mexico. Joints 9–13 inches long, always edgewise; pulvilli  $1\frac{1}{2}$ –2 inches apart; spines 1–2 inches long. Similar to *O. Engelmanni*, but prostrate, with more distant pulvilli, and stouter spines. No flower or fruit seen.

8. *O. ANGUSTATA*, E. & B. l. c.: prostrata vel adscendens; articulis elongato-obovatis versus basin angustatis; pulvillis remotis setas fulvas graciles aculeosque paucos (2–3) validos compressos stramineos seu albidos versus basin rufos deflexos gerentibus; bacca obovata tuberculata; seminibus magnis.

From Zuni, west of the Rio Grande, westward to the Cajon Pass, in the California mountains. — Joints 6–10 inches long, only 3 or 4 wide. Spines similar to those of the last species; bristles much more delicate. Fruit  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches long; the umbilicus flat, but immersed. — Well distinguished by the shape of the joints.

\* \* \* *Fulvispinæ.*

9. *O. MACROCENTRA*, E. in B. C. R.: adscendens; articulis magnis suborbiculatis tenuibus; pulvillis subremotis setas graciles breves fulvas gerentibus, summis solum aculeos 1–2 prælongos subcompressos fusco-atros proferentibus; floris flavi ovario ovato; stigmatibus 8; seminibus majusculis.

Sand-hills on the Rio Grande near El Paso: fl. May. — Two or three feet high, with very striking round joints, 5–8 inches in diameter, and blackish spines as much as 2 or 3 inches long. Nearly allied to the next species.

10. *O. PHÆACANTHA*, E. in Pl. Fendl.: diffusa, adscendens; articulis obovatis crassis glaucescentibus; pulvillis subremotis setas graciles stramineas seu fuscatas longiores gerentibus, plerisque aculeos 2–5 plus minus compressos fuscis proferentibus; floris flavi ovario abbreviato; stigmatibus 8; bacca cuneata pyriformi; seminibus majusculis.

Var. *α*. NIGRICANS: aculeis brevioribus acute angulatis et nigricantibus.

Var. *β*. BRUNNEA: pulvillis remotioribus; aculeis longioribus obtuse angulatis brunneis sursum albidis.

Var. *γ*. MAJOR: suborbiculata; pulvillis remotis; aculeis brevioribus paucioribus pallidioribus.

New Mexico: fl. May. Var. *α*. is found on the Rio Grande near Santa Fé; *β*. in similar sandy locations near El Paso; and *γ*. in mountainous regions near Santa Fé. — Joints 4–6, or in *γ*. even 8, inches long; spines mostly 1–2 inches in length. Flower about 2 inches in diameter, with a short ovary. Fruit  $1\frac{1}{4}$ – $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches long, slender, much contracted at base so as to appear almost stipitate.

O. MOJAVENSIS, E. & B. in P. R. R.: prostrata; articulis grandibus suborbiculatis; pulvillis remotis; setis fulvis; aculeis 3–6 validis infra fuscis.

On the Mojave, west of the Colorado. — The material is too scanty to make out where it belongs; but perhaps it is only a form of *O. phæacantha*.

11. O. CAMANCHICA, E. & B. in P. R. R.: prostrata; articulis adscendentibus majusculis suborbiculatis; pulvillis remotis plerisque armatis; setis stramineis fulvisve parcis; aculeis 1–3 compressis fuscis apice pallidioribus, superioribus elongatis suberectis, cæteris deflexis; bacca ovata late umbilicata; seminibus majusculis angulatis hilo excisis.

Llano Estacado, on the Upper Canadian River. A large, extensively spreading plant; the joints 6–7 inches long; spines  $1\frac{1}{2}$ –2 or even 3 inches long. Fruit large, juicy. Seeds 2–3 lines in diameter, very irregular and deeply notched at the hilum.

12. O. TORTISPINA, E. & B. l. c.: prostrata; articulis adscendentibus majusculis suborbiculatis; pulvillis subremotis; setis stramineis seu fulvis; aculeis 3–5 majoribus angulatis sæpe tortis albidis cum 2–4 gracilioribus; bacca ovata late umbilicata; seminibus majusculis orbiculatis.

On the Camanche plains, east of the elevated plateau of the Llano Estacado. — Similar in size and habit to the last species, its western neighbor, with more numerous spines than any other of our *Opuntia* with juicy fruit. Seeds regular, and only very slightly notched at the hilum.

§ 3. *Setispinae*: adscendentes: articuli plerumque minores: aculei pauci, teretes seu vix angulati, graciles, flexiles, pallidi: bacca minor.

13. *O. TENUISPINA*, E. in B. C. R.: articulis majusculis obovatis basi attenuatis læte viridibus; pulvillis subapproximatis setas graciles breves fulvas gerentibus plerisque armatis; aculeis 1-2 elongatis albidis cum 1-4 brevioribus inferioribus; floris flavi ovario clavato; petalis obovatis retusis; bacca oblonga profunde umbilicata; seminibus minoribus.

Sand-hills near El Paso: fl. May. — Joints 3-6 inches long, 2-4 wide; leaves very slender, hardly 2 lines long; upper spines suberect, or spreading,  $1\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$  inches long; flower  $2\frac{1}{2}$ -3 inches in diameter; seeds less than 2 lines in diameter, very irregular. — Similar in many respects to *O. phæacantha*, which grows with it; but readily distinguished by the spines and fruit.

14. *O. SETISPINA*, E. in Salm, H. D.: articulis suborbiculatis parvis glaucis; pulvillis confertis setas flavidas gerentibus, omnibus armatis; aculeis 1-3 longioribus subangulatis et 3-7 brevioribus plus minus deflexis, omnibus gracillimis.

Pine woods in the mountains west of Chihuahua, *Dr. Wislizenus*. Joints not over 2 inches long; pulvilli only 3-4 lines apart; longer spines 1- $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches long, very slender, like bristles. Flower and fruit unknown.

15. *O. FILIPENDULA*, E. in B. C. R.: glauca; radicibus nodoso-incrassatis; articulis minoribus orbiculatis seu obovatis seu oblanceolatis tenuibus; pulvillis approximatis setas virescenti-flavas graciles numerosas gerentibus armatis vel inermibus; aculeis, si adsunt, 1-2 elongatis subangulatis cum 1-2 minoribus, omnibus albidis; floris purpurascens ovario gracili; stigmatibus 5; seminibus minoribus tumidis.

Alluvial bottoms of the Rio Grande near El Paso, and eastward on the Pecos: fl. May and June. — The long knotted roots, the small bluish joints, with the very small leaves and very long bristles, together with the purple flower, and thick very narrowly margined seeds, distinguish this species from all others. Plant 6-12 inches high, joints  $1\frac{1}{2}$ -3 inches long, 1-2 wide; pulvilli 4-6 lines apart; lower spines 1-2 inches long. Flower  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inches in diameter. Seed hardly 2 lines in diameter.

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§ 4. *Vulgares* : procumbentes vel adscendentes : articuli plerumque minores : aculei validi, subteretes vel nulli, albidi vel obscuriores : bacca clavata.

16. *O. RAFINESQUII*, E. in P. R. R. : diffusa ; radice fibrosa ; articulis obovatis vel suborbiculatis perviridibus, foliis elongatis patulis ; pulvillis subremotis setas graciles rufas gerentibus plerisque inermibus ; aculeis paucis marginalibus validis rectis singulis erectis patulisve, uno alterove minore deflexo subinde adjecto, rufo variegatis ; alabastro acuto ; ovario clavato pulvillis 20 – 25 stipato ; petalis 10 – 12 ; stigmatibus 7 – 8 ; bacca clavata.

Vár. *MICROSPERMA* : subinermis : seminibus minoribus angustius marginatis.

Sterile, sandy, or rocky soil in the Mississippi valley, from Kentucky to Missouri, and from Minnesota southward : fl. May and June. — Joints 3 – 5 inches long ; leaves 3 – 4 lines long ; spines 9 – 12 lines long, sometimes entirely wanting. Flowers  $2\frac{1}{2}$  –  $3\frac{1}{2}$  inches in diameter, yellow, often with a red centre. Seed  $2\frac{1}{2}$  lines, or in the variety less than 2 lines in diameter. — This species had been confounded with the Eastern *O. vulgaris* by all our botanists, with the exception of Rafinesque, who pretended to distinguish three species, viz. *O. humifusa*, *O. cæspitosa*, and *O. mesacantha* (sometimes erroneously accredited to Nuttall), which cannot be made out, and which I have again united under their author's name. — The following is probably only a Southern variety of this species : —

*O. GRANDIFLORA*, E. : subadscendens ; articulis majusculis ; pulvillis remotis ; setis tenuissimis ; aculeis subnullis ; floris grandis ovario elongato ; petalis sub-10 latissimis ; stigmatibus 5 ; bacca elongata clavata.

On the Brazos, Texas. — Joints often 5 – 6 inches long ; pulvilli nearly an inch apart. Flowers  $4\frac{1}{2}$  – 5 inches in diameter, red in the centre ; petals 2 inches long or more, and  $1\frac{1}{2}$  wide.

Dr. Bigelow collected on his tour from Arkansas to Santa Fé several forms, which, though somewhat distinct, are perhaps not entitled to be considered species. The true *O. Rafinesquii* does not seem to occur west of the western line of Missouri and Arkansas. The Western forms or subspecies are : —

*O. CYMOCHILA*, E. & B. in P. R. R. : diffusa ; articulis orbiculatis ; pulvillis subremotis stramineo- seu fulvo-setosis plerisque armatis ; aculeis 1 – 3 robustioribus albidis basi fulvis patentibus deflexisve, additis

sæpe 2-3 minoribus; stigmatibus 8; bacca obovata; seminibus undulato-marginatis majusculis.

Var.  $\beta$ . MONTANA: subinermis; stramineo-setosa.

Along the Canadian River east of the Llano Estacado, and on that plain. Var.  $\beta$ . near Albuquerque. — Joints  $2\frac{1}{2}$ –3 inches in diameter, in  $\beta$ . larger; longer spines 1–2 inches long. Fruit short, pulpy, sweet. Seed  $2\frac{1}{2}$  lines in diameter, with a very sharp irregularly wavy or twisted border. — The var.  $\beta$ . seems to unite the common *O. Rafinesquii* with this form.

*O. STENOCHILA*, E. & B. l. c.: prostrata; articulis obovatis; pulvillis remotis stramineo-setosis, superioribus solum armatis; aculeis singulis albidis patulis, 1–2 minoribus deflexis sæpe adjectis; bacca obovata clavata; seminibus crassis anguste marginatis.

Zuni, Western New Mexico. — Joints 4 inches long and 3 wide; spines 1– $1\frac{1}{4}$  inches long. Fruit green or pale red, very juicy,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  or sometimes even  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inches long. Seeds quite peculiar, regular, much thicker in proportion than those of most other *Opuntia*, and with a very narrow edge. — Another form, with smaller and rounder joints, more spines, smaller fruit, but similar seeds, was found in the same neighborhood.

All the forms described above have fibrous roots. The following are principally characterized by their bulbous or tuberous roots, but can hardly be otherwise distinguished from the forms already described. Both are found westward of the range of *O. Rafinesquii* proper, and may be considered as subspecies, the peculiarities of which are readily propagated by seeds.

*O. MACRORHIZA*, E. in Pl. Lindh. part 1: prostrata, sæpe adscendens, radicibus tuberosis; articulis obovato-orbiculatis perviridibus; pulvillis subremotis rufo-setosis, superioribus solum armatis; aculeis singulis validis sæpe variegatis patulis, 1–2 gracilioribus deflexis subinde additis; alabastro acuminato; petalis circiter 8 sulphureis basi miniatis; stigmatibus 5; bacca obovata basi clavata, umbilico lato; seminibus subregularibus compressis minoribus.

Sterile, rocky places on the Upper Guadalupe River, in Texas: fl. May and June. — Roots in young specimens fusiform, in old ones enlarged to fleshy tubers, sometimes 2 or 3 inches in diameter. Joints  $2\frac{1}{2}$ – $3\frac{1}{2}$  inches long, the leaves and bristles the same as in *O. Rafinesquii*. Flowers 3 inches in diameter. Fruit green or pale purple, smaller and sweeter than that of *O. Rafinesquii*.



*O. FUSIFORMIS*, E. & B. l. c. : subprostrata ; radicibus elongato-fusiformibus ; articulis orbiculatis ; pulvillis setas elongatas virescenti-fuscas gerentibus, plerisque vel solum superioribus armatis ; aculeis 2-3 gracilibus albidis deflexis seu patentibus ; floribus minoribus ; stigmatibus 8 ; bacca ovata ; seminibus majusculis subregularibus.

Kansas and Nebraska, in the regions of the Cross-Timbers, from the Canadian to the Big Bend of the Missouri. — Roots elongated tubers  $\frac{1}{2}$  - 1 inch in diameter ; joints about 3 - 4 inches long ; spines an inch or a little more in length, slenderer and paler than in *O. Rafinesquii*. Flowers 2 -  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inches in diameter. Seed  $2\frac{3}{4}$  lines wide. This plant has been distributed by me under the name of *Opuntia bulbosa*.

17. *O. FUSCO-ATRA*, E. in P. R. R. : diffusa ; articulis orbiculato-obovatis tuberculatis ; pulvillis subremotis magnis griseo-tomentosis, inferioribus solum inermibus ; setis numerosis robustis longiusculis fuscis ; aculeis subsingulis robustis fusco-atris suberectis, altero brevioris deflexo sæpe adjecto ; floris flavi ovario conico pulvillos 12 - 18 fulvo-villosos et fusco-setosos gerente ; stigmatibus 5.

Sterile places in prairies, west of Houston, Texas : fl. May. — The stout brown, or above almost black spines, and the thick bunches of unusually stout brown bristles on the small joints, give this plant a very distinct appearance. Joints  $2\frac{1}{2}$  - 3 inches long ; pulvilli 6 - 9 lines apart ; bristles 2 - 3 lines long ; spines 1 -  $1\frac{1}{4}$  inches long, the lower one, when present, about half as long, but hardly less stout. Flower nearly 3 inches in diameter ; ovary an inch long, rather slender, its pulvilli covered with long grayish-brown wool, and the upper ones with a few bright-brown bristles.

18. *O. VULGARIS*, Mill. : diffusa, prostrata ; radice fibrosa ; articulis obovatis seu suborbiculatis crassis læte seu pallide viridibus plerumque inermibus ; foliis ovatis cuspidatis fere adpressis ; pulvillis subremotis parvis subimmersis setas paucas abbreviatis virescenti-stramineas gerentibus ; aculeis rarissimis singulis robustis variegatis suberectis ; alabastro subgloboso obtuso ; ovario clavato pulvillis sub-10 stipato ; petalis sub-8 ; stigmatibus 5 ; bacca obovata clavata ; seminibus regularibus crassis crasse marginatis.

From the southeastern coast of Massachusetts to Georgia and Florida ; apparently only in the low countries east and southeast of the Alleghany Mountains, generally not far from the sea-coast : fl. May and June. — Joints 2 - 4 inches long and 2 -  $2\frac{1}{2}$  in diameter, rather thick and fleshy. Leaves 2 -  $2\frac{1}{2}$  lines long, generally appressed, only in

very vigorous specimens more patulous: spines, when present, less than 1 inch long, but stout. Flower about 2 inches in diameter, pale yellow. Seed  $2\frac{1}{2}$  lines in diameter. It seems to be well distinguished from *O. Rafinesquii* (which grows only west of the Alleghanies) by the smaller size, paler color, small pulvilli, usually the absence of spines, the smaller flower, with all the parts less numerous, and especially by the short, thick, and more or less appressed leaves.

§ 5. *Pubescentes*: erectæ seu procumbentes: articuli pubescentes: folia minuta: aculei subnulli.

\* *Flavifloræ.*

19. *O. MICRODASYS*, Lehm.: erecto-patula; articulis oblongis obovatis seu orbiculatis pubescentibus læte viridibus; foliis minutis; pulvillis confertis inermibus lanam flavidam setasque numerosas gracillimas flavas gerentibus.

Only south of the lower Rio Grande, near Rinconada, etc. — Plant 2–4 feet high; joints 2–3 inches long,  $1\frac{1}{2}$ –2 wide; pulvilli  $\frac{1}{4}$ – $\frac{1}{3}$  of an inch apart.

20. *O. RUFIDA*, E. in B. C. R.: erecto-patula; articulis late-obovatis seu suborbiculatis pubescentibus; foliis longe acuminatis; pulvillis confertis setas rufidas graciles numerosissimas gerentibus inermibus; floris flavi ovario obovato pulvillis numerosis instructo; stigmatibus 7 in capitulum congestis.

Common about Presidio del Norte, on the Rio Grande: fl. May. — Stem 2–4 feet high, much branched; joints 3–6 inches long; leaves  $2\frac{1}{2}$  lines long. Flower  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inches in diameter, with 40–50 pulvilli on the ovarium. — Apparently near *O. microdasys* and *O. puberula*; distinguished from the former by the rounded joints, larger leaves, and red-brown bristles; from the latter by the entire absence of spines, and of the purplish spot which in that species surrounds the pulvillus. Further investigations are necessary to decide about these closely allied forms, as about most species of this intricate genus.

\* \* *Rubrifloræ.*

21. *O. BASILARIS*, E. & B. l. c.: humilis; articulis obovatis seu triangularibus glaucescentibus pubescentibus e basi proliferis; foliis minutis; pulvillis subconfertis fulvo-villosis setas gracillimas demum numerosissimas fulvidas et subinde aculeolos setiformes caducos gerentibus; floris purpurei ovario obovato pulvillis plurimis instructo;

stigmatibus 8 in capitulum congestis; bacca obovata late umbilicata (sicca?); seminibus magnis crassis subregularibus.

On Williams's River, the Colorado, and the Mojave, and down to the Gila: fl. April and May. — Habit very different from any other of our *Opuntia*; the stout obovate or fan-shaped joints (5–8 inches long) originate from a common base, forming a sort of rosette. Leaves only one line long, 4–6 lines apart; pulvilli red-brown, somewhat immersed. Flower about  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inches in diameter; ovary with 40–60 pulvilli. Fruit apparently dry, thereby approaching the next section. Seed 3 lines in diameter, 2 lines thick.

Mr. Schott has observed, on the dividing ridge of the California mountains, west of the mouth of the Gila, and again in the Santa Cruz Valley, Sonora, a very similar but suberect species, 3 feet high, spineless, inclined to assume a purplish hue, which he seems to have confounded with *O. basilaris*. Can it be *O. rufida*, or is it an undescribed species?

§ 6. *Xerocarpeæ*: diffusæ: articuli suborbiculati vel tumidi: aculei plurimi: bacca sicca aculeolata: semina eburnea, magna, plerumque latissime marginata.

\* *Articuli compressi suborbiculati.*

22. *O. HYSTRICINA*, E. & B. l. c.: diffusa; articulis obovato-orbiculatis; pulvillis subconfertis setas pallidas rutilasve gerentibus, omnibus armatis; aculeis 5–8 superioribus validis elongatis angulatis seu tortis patulis vel deflexis, inferioribus 5–7 gracilioribus radiantibus; bacca ovata aculeolata, umbilico planiusculo; seminibus maximis.

West of the Rio Grande, to the San Francisco mountains. — Joints 3–4 inches long; pulvilli 5–6 lines apart, unusually large; longer spines  $1\frac{1}{2}$ –3 and even 4 inches long, brownish; lower radiating ones white, 4–9 lines long. Fruit an inch long; upper pulvilli with 4–6 bristly spines. Seeds  $3\frac{1}{2}$  lines in diameter, among the largest in this genus.

23. *O. MISSOURIENSIS*, DC. (*Cactus ferox*, Nutt. Gen.): prostrata; articulis obovatis vel suborbiculatis tuberculatis; foliis minutis; pulvillis subconfertis stramineo-setosis, omnibus armatis; aculeis 5–10 exterioribus radiantibus setiformibus albidis, 1–5 interioribus robustis albidis seu rufescentibus; floris flavi intus aurantiaci ovario obovato vel subgloboso spinuloso; stigmatibus 5–10 viridibus; bacca spinosa, umbilico plano; seminibus magnis irregularibus.

Var. *a.* RUFISPINA, E. & B.: articulis orbiculatis; aculeis interioribus 3 – 5 validis fuscis; bacca ovata.

Var. *β.* PLATYCARPA, E.: articulis obovato-orbiculatis; aculeis interioribus subsingulis validis fuscis; bacca depresso-globosa late umbilicata.

Var. *γ.* MICROSPERMA, E.: articulis aculeisque præcedentis; bacca ovata breviter aculeolata; seminibus minoribus anguste marginatis.

Var. *δ.* SUBINERMIS, E.: articulis elongato-obovatis, pulvillis subremotis inferioribus inermibus, superioribus aculeos paucos breves gerentibus.

Var. *ε.* ALBISPINA, E. & B.: articulis late obovatis; aculeis 6 – 12 omnibus albis gracilioribus; bacca ovata.

Var. *ζ.* TRICHOPHORA, E. & B.: articulis ovatis; pulvillis confertis; aculeis 10 – 18 setiformibus (in articulis vetustis numerosioribus) capillaceis flexuosis; bacca ovata; seminibus maximis.

From the Upper Missouri to the Canadian; principally occupying the western plains, but also on the mountains towards Santa Fé and west of it. — The last-mentioned variety (which I would consider a distinct species, were it not for the var. *albispina*, which seems to unite it with the others) has been found only on the mountains near Albuquerque: all the other forms occur on the Upper Missouri, and *a.* and *ε.* also on the Canadian. Other and intermediate forms of this variable but nevertheless well-characterized species will no doubt be found in the wide territory inhabited by it. It flowers in May and June. — Joints 2 – 4, rarely 4 – 6 inches long, and 2 – 3½ inches wide, light green; leaves 1½ – 2 lines long; larger spines 1 – 1½, rarely 2 inches long, in *δ.* not more than 3 – 6 lines long. Flowers 2 – 3 inches in diameter, with short green stigmata forming a compact head. Fruit 1 – 1¼ inches long, with shorter or longer spines, and a rather shallow umbilicus. Var. *β.* has a remarkably large flat fruit. Seed generally about 3 lines, but in *γ.* only 2 lines, in diameter.

24. O. SPHÆROCARPA, E. & B. l. c.: diffusa; articulis orbiculatis tuberculatis; pulvillis confertis stramineo-setosis plerisque inermibus, summis solum aculeos 1 – 2 deflexos patulosve majores gerentibus, adjectis sæpe 1 – 3 brevioribus; bacca globosa vix aculeolata; seminibus mediis.

Mountains near Albuquerque, New Mexico. — Joints 3 inches in diameter, strongly tuberculated; pulvilli 4 or 5 lines apart; spines 6 – 12 lines long, reddish-brown, often single or 2 or 3 together, with

or without smaller ones, which never occurs in any form of *O. Missouriensis*, where a large number of small setaceous spines is found, whether larger ones are present or not. Fruit 9 lines in diameter, with a small flat umbilicus. Seeds  $2\frac{1}{2}$  lines in diameter.

\* \* *Articuli tumidi ovati.*

25. *O. ERINACEA*, E. & B. l. c. : adscendens ; articulis ovatis seu teretiusculis ; pulvillis confertissimis omnibus armatis ; aculeis 5–10 gracilibus rubellis, 3–5 elongatis ; bacca ovata aculeolata ; seminibus magnis subregularibus.

Near the Mojave, between the Colorado and the Californian mountains. — Joints 2– $2\frac{1}{2}$  inches long, 1– $1\frac{1}{2}$  broad, and  $\frac{1}{2}$ – $\frac{3}{4}$  thick, sometimes almost cylindrical, densely covered with large white pulvilli, which are only 2–3 lines apart. Spines 6–14 or even 20 lines long, slender but stiff. Fruit an inch or more in length. Seeds nearly 3 lines in diameter.

26. *O. ARENARIA*, E. in B. C. R. : adscendens ; articulis obovatis compressis seu teretiusculis tuberculatis ; foliis minutis ; pulvillis subconfertis pallide setosis ; aculeis 1–4 robustioribus albidis fuscatisve, cum inferioribus brevioribus 2–6 albis ; floris sulphurei ovario obovato ; petalis emarginatis ; stigmatibus 5 ; bacca oblonga spinulosa ; umbilico infundibuliformi ; seminibus magnis irregularibus.

Sandy bottoms of the Rio Grande near El Paso : fl. May. — Spreading 2–3 feet,  $\frac{1}{2}$ –1 foot high ; roots stout, creeping horizontally ; joints  $1\frac{1}{2}$ –3 inches long, 1–2 inches wide, and  $\frac{1}{2}$ – $\frac{3}{4}$  thick, more strongly tuberculated than the allied species ; leaves only a line long ; pulvilli 3–5 lines apart, very bristly, especially on the old joints ; upper spines 9–15 lines long. Flower 2– $2\frac{1}{2}$  inches in diameter. Fruit about an inch long. Seeds  $2\frac{1}{2}$ –3 lines in diameter. This is the only one of our Cactaceæ on which the Cochenille has been found.

27. *O. FRAGILIS*, Haw. (*Cactus fragilis*, Nutt.) : subdecumbens ; articulis parvis ovatis subcompressis tumidis vel subglobosis vix tuberculatis nitide viridibus ; foliis minutis ; pulvillis subconfertis magnis albo-tomentosis, vix setulosis ; aculeorum 1–4 robustiorum summo valido angulato fuscato porrecto, ceteris debilioribus pallidioribus patulis seu radiantibus ; aculeis inferioribus 2–6 gracilibus albis radiantibus ; floribus minoribus ; bacca ovata vix spinulosa, umbilico infundibuliformi ; seminibus paucis magnis subregularibus.

Fertile prairies, or sterile places, on the Upper Missouri and Yellowstone, to the mountains and south to Santa Fé. — Size and shape of the joints variable; fruit-bearing joints compressed,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  – 2 inches long,  $1 - 1\frac{1}{4}$  wide, and  $\frac{1}{2} - \frac{3}{4}$  thick; others smaller and more tumid. Leaves a line long, hardly longer than the large pulvilli, red. Pulvilli 4 – 6 lines apart, bristles very few, short, whitish, on the old joints a little more numerous, coarser, dirty yellow. Lower radiating spines 2 – 4 lines long; central spines 6 – 10 lines long, the other interior spines 3 – 8 lines long, often similar to the smaller lower spines. Fruit rather fleshy through the winter, getting dry in spring, nearly an inch long, with 20 – 25 pulvilli, of which only the upper ones bear a few short spines. Seeds few, usually only 5 or 6 in each fruit, 3 lines in diameter, with a wide and thick obtuse corky margin. — Often sterile, but abundantly propagated by the fragile joints.

28. *O. BRACHYARTHRA*, E. & B. l. c. : adscendens; articulis ovatis orbiculatisve tumidis sæpe subglobosis tuberculatis; pulvillis confertis parce setulosis; aculeis 3 – 5 validioribus 1 – 2 fuscatis patulis vel suberectis, cæteris deflexis; floris parvi ovario subgloboso pulvillos 12 – 15 vix aculeolatos gerente; stigmatibus 5.

Inscription Rock near Zuni. — The short and tumid joints (10 – 15 lines long) resemble the joints of a finger; the pulvilli 2 – 4 lines apart, even in the oldest parts of the plant with very few bristles; longer spines 9 – 12 lines long, terete. Ovary less than half an inch long. Flower apparently an inch in diameter. — Perhaps too near *O. fragilis*; but in the absence of good flowers and fruit, it is impossible to say whether it does not belong to even a different section, perhaps to the *Glomeratæ*, Salm.

Subgen. 3. *CYLINDROPUNTIA*, E. in B. C. R. Articuli cylindracci: flores magni vel parvi: bacca plerumque sicca: semina immarginata seu vix marginata: embryo circa albumen copiosius subcircularis; cotyledones contrariæ seu obliquæ, subinde parallelæ.

§ 1. *Clavatæ*: prostratæ: articuli breves, clavati, adscendentes, textura lignosa laxè reticulata: flores flavi majusculi: bacca sicca, pulvillis numerosis setosissimis stipata, floris rudimentis persistentibus coronata.

29. *O. CLAVATA*, E. in Wisl. Rep.: articulis breviter clavatis læte viridibus; tuberculis ovatis; foliis subulatis minutis; aculeis albidis

scabrellis, interioribus 4 – 7 complanatis, inferioribus deflexis latioribus supra striatis subtus carinatis, superiore triangulato erecto; aculeis exterioribus 8 – 10 gracilioribus undique radiantibus; baccæ pulvillis setosissimis; seminibus rostratis.

Santa Fé and Albuquerque, on the plateaux: fl. in June and July. — Dense spreading masses, with joints  $1\frac{1}{2}$  – 2 inches long; tubercles 6 – 8 lines long; larger spines 6 – 15 lines long, and the broadest one  $\frac{3}{4}$  –  $1\frac{1}{2}$  lines wide. Flower 2 inches in diameter. Fruit yellow,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  –  $1\frac{3}{4}$  inches long, an inch in diameter, covered with 30 – 50 large pulvilli. Seed  $2\frac{1}{2}$  – 3 lines in the longest diameter. Cotyledons mostly oblique, or, as in most other *Opuntia*, incumbent. (The expression is not etymologically correct, but I use it to designate the direction of the face of the cotyledons towards the radicle.)

30. *O. PARRYI*, E. in Sillim. Journ. 1852: prostrata; articulis ovatis basi clavatis; tuberculis oblongo-elongatis; setis paucis; aculeis angulatis scabris rubellis demum cinereis, interioribus sub-4 validioribus compressis, exterioribus 4 – 8 divergentibus, extimis 6 – 10 gracilibus radiantibus; bacca ovata pulvillis sub-40 setosissimis stipata; seminibus erostratis.

On the Mojave, west of the great Colorado. — Joints  $2\frac{1}{2}$  – 3 or 4 inches long, attenuated below and somewhat so above; tubercles 9 lines long; inner spines 12 – 16 lines long, and the larger ones somewhat flattened, but less than a line wide; exterior spines 3 – 8 lines long, in two series. Fruit  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches long. Seeds about 2 lines in diameter. — The original specimens of Dr. Parry were found farther south, near San Felipe. He describes the joints as 4 – 8 inches long, with shorter whitish spines or tubercles 6 – 12 lines long, and the flower as greenish-yellow. The Mojave plant is nearly allied to the last species, but may be distinguished by the shape of the joints, the narrower, darker-colored, more numerous spines, and the smaller and more regular seeds.

31. *O. EMORYI*, E. in B. C. R.: articulis cylindricis basi clavatis glaucis; tuberculis oblongo-linearibus elongatis; setis paucis; aculeis plurimis rufis, interioribus 5 – 9 validioribus triangulatis, compressis, exterioribus 10 – 20 pluriseriatis undique radiantibus; floribus flavis extus rubellis; bacca pulvillos 35 – 50 setosissimos inferiores aculeolatos gerentibus; seminibus valde inæqualibus irregularibus.

Arid soil, from El Paso through Sonora to the desert of the Colorado: fl. August and September. — The stoutest species of this sec-

tion. Joints 4–6 inches long, curved, 1–1½ inches in diameter; tubercles 1–1½ inches long; longest spines 1½–2½ inches long,  $\frac{3}{4}$ –1 line wide; the exterior spines gradually smaller, and less angular. Fruit 2–2½ inches long, partly armed with spines 4–8 lines long. Seeds from 2¼ to 3¼ lines in diameter. Cotyledons oblique or accumbent.

32. *O. SCHOTTII*, E. l. c.: articulis clavatis; tuberculis elongatis; pulvillis pauci-setosis; aculeis rubellis scaberrimis, interioribus sub-4 cruciatis, superiore triangulato, cæteris supra planis subtus convexis, latioribus; exterioribus 8–10 radiantibus gracilibus; bacca ovata pulvillos 35–40 pauci-setosos gerente; seminibus rostratis.

On the arid hills near the mouth of the San Pedro and Pecos, Western Texas. — Distinguished by the broad and very rough spines, which are dirty red, the larger ones with a white margin, and by the smaller number of bristles both on the pulvilli of the joints and of the fruit, where they are mostly turned upwards. Joints 2 inches long; tubercles 8–9 lines long; spines 1½–2 inches long; the radiating ones only 4–9 lines long. Seeds 2 lines in diameter. Cotyledons oblique.

Dr. Gregg has collected a similar plant near San Luis Potosi; which at present I know not how to distinguish from *O. Schottii*. The spines are stout, perhaps less rough, and narrower, 12–15 in number; some of them borne on the upper margin of the pulvillus, which I have never seen in *O. Schottii*. Tubercles an inch long.

33. *O. GRAHAMI*, E. l. c.: radicibus fusiformibus; articulis clavatis; tuberculis oblongis; foliis ovatis cuspidatis; setis demum plurimis; aculeis gracilibus rubellis, interioribus 4–7 teretiusculis angulatisve, exterioribus 4–6 brevibus; bacca pulvillos sub-30 setosissimos gerente; seminibus erostratis.

Sandy bottoms of the Rio Grande near El Paso: fl. June. — Joints 1½–2 inches long; tubercles 6–7 lines long; leaves thicker and in proportion shorter than in most other species, nearly 2 lines long. Fruit similar to that of *O. clavata*. Seed 2½ lines in diameter or more. Cotyledons regularly incumbent.

34. *O. BULBISPINA*, E. l. c.: radicibus fusiformibus; articulis parvis ovatis sæpe ex apice proliferis fragilibus; tuberculis ovatis brevibus; pulvillis parce setosis; aculeis teretiusculis scabrellis basi bulbosis, interioribus 4 cruciatis, inferiore longiore, exterioribus 8–12 radiantibus.



Saltillo, Mexico. — Spreading masses with joints an inch long or less; tubercles 4–6 lines long; interior spines 4–6, exterior ones  $1\frac{1}{2}$ –3 lines long. Apparently near the South American *O. pusilla*, Salm., and perhaps belonging to the *Opuntia glomerata*, rather than here. Fruit unknown.

§ 2. *Cylindricæ*: adscendentes vel erectæ: articuli longiores, ovato-cylindrici seu elongati: textura lignosa compacta, tubum reticulatum vel truncum compactum formans: flores magni seu parvi, purpurei vel raro flavi: bacca sicca vel subcarnosa, floris rudimenta plerumque dejiciens, aculeata seu inermis.

\* *Polyacanthæ*: lignum plerumque reticulato-tubulosum; articuli crassiores distincte tuberculati: aculei plures seu plurimi: flores plerumque rubri: semina immarginata.

† *Humiliores*: diffuse ramosæ: articuli subclavati: flores plerumque flavidi: baccæ siccæ, aculeatæ.

35. *O. DAVISII*, E. & B. in P. R. Rep.: caule dense lignoso ramossissimo divaricato; articulis junioribus erectis elongatis basi attenuatis; tuberculis oblongo-linearibus; aculeis interioribus 4–7 subtriangularibus rufis vagina straminea laxa indusiatis divergentibus; aculeis inferioribus 5–6 gracilibus; bacca ovata pulvillis sub-25 aculeigeris stipata.

On the Llano Estacado, near the Upper Canadian River; common. — Spreading and somewhat procumbent, about 18 inches high; the only one in this section with dense wood. Joints 4–6 inches long, rather slender; tubercles 7–8 lines long; interior spines 1– $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches in length; lower ones 3–6 lines long. Fruits (all sterile, and perhaps not properly developed) an inch or more in length.

36. *O. ECHINOCARPA*, E. & B. l. c.: erectiuscula; ramis numerosis patentissimis; articulis ovatis basi clavatis; tuberculis ovatis confertis; aculeis majoribus sub-4 albidis stramineo-vaginatibus, 8–16 minoribus undique radiantibus; flore flavo (?); bacca globosa depressa seu hemisphærica late profundeque umbilicata pulvillis sub-40 aculeatissimis stipata; seminibus late commissuratis.

Var.  $\beta$ . MAJOR: elatior; articulis elongatis; aculeis longioribus laxius vaginatis paucioribus; baccis globosis pulvillos pauciores (25) gerentibus.

In the valley of the Lower Colorado;  $\beta$ . in Sonora. — Var.  $\alpha$ . is a

low shrub, 6–18 inches high; joints 1–2½ inches long; tubercles 4–5 lines long; spines not over an inch in length. Flower apparently yellow, about 1½ inches in diameter and somewhat persistent on the fruit. Fruit very shallow, saucer-shaped, with few large seeds. Var.  $\beta$ . is 4 or 5 feet high; joints 8–10 inches long; interior spines 1–1¾ inches long. Fruit globose or even ovate, with 25 pulvilli. Seeds the same in both.

37. *O. SERPENTINA*, E. in Sill. Journ. 1852: erectiuscula seu subprostrata; articulis elongatis cylindricis; tuberculis ovatis; aculeis 7–9 albido- seu rufido-vaginatibus; flore flavo extus rubello; bacca subhemisphærica late et profunde umbilicata villosa aculeatissima.

Near the sea-coast about San Diego, California. — Sometimes 4–5 feet high, but often prostrate; joints 6–12 inches long; spines less than one inch long. Flower cup-shaped, 1¼ inch wide. Fruit apparently like that of the last species, but “long woolly” and with fewer pulvilli, also often crowned with the persistent flower. Seed unknown; said to be large. — Closely allied to the foregoing species. Can this be Nuttall’s *Cactus Californicus* (Cereus, Torr. & Gr. Fl.), with cylindric branches, yellow flower, and spiny fruit?

†† *Decidua*: arborescentes: articuli tumidi, perfragiles: tubercula depressa: flores purpurei: baccæ sæpissime steriles, proliferae.

38. *O. PROLIFERA*, E. l. c.: ramis divaricatis; articulis ovatis seu ovato-cylindricis perviridibus versus ramorum apicem congestis; tuberculis obovato-oblongis prominulis; aculeis 8–10 obscuris stramineo- seu rufo-vaginatibus, singulo centrali, cæteris patulis; flore rubro; bacca ovata aculeolata plerumque sterili prolifera.

On arid hills about San Diego, California, forming extensive thickets. — Stems 2–4, and sometimes even 6–7, inches in diameter, 3–10 feet high; joints 3–6 inches long and 1½–2 in diameter; tubercles about 6 lines long; spines 6–14 lines long, the lower ones shorter. Flowers red, salver-form, 1½ inches in diameter.

39. *O. FULGIDA*, E. in B. C. R.: ramis divaricatis; articulis ovatis seu ovato-cylindricis glaucescentibus versus ramorum apicem congestis; tuberculis ovato-oblongis prominulis; aculeis 5–9 subæqualibus laxè vaginatis undique stellato-porrectis; flore purpureo parvo; bacca ovata inermi vix tuberculata; seminibus parvis rostratis.

Mountains of Western Sonora: fl. July and August. — Plant 5–12 feet high; joints 3–8 inches long; tubercles rather elongated, 6–7

lines long; spines  $1 - 1\frac{1}{4}$  inches long, hiding the whole plant with their lustrous sheaths. Flower about one inch or less in diameter. Fruit fleshy,  $1 - 1\frac{1}{4}$  inches long, usually sterile. Seeds smaller than in any other *Opuntia* examined,  $1 - 1\frac{1}{2}$  lines long.

40. *O. BIGELOVII*, E. in P. R. R.: ramis erectis adscendentibusve; articulis ovato-cylindricis pallide virescentibus congestis; tuberculis subhemisphæricis depressis confertis; aculeis 6 - 10 robustioribus et totidem gracilioribus inferioribus; ovario tuberculato; bacca tuberculata subinde (sterili?) aculeolata; seminibus parvis.

On Williams's River, of the Californian Colorado. — Stem 3 - 4 inches thick and 10 - 12 feet high; the branches forming a dense contracted head, with joints 2 - 6 inches long; tubercles 3 - 4 lines long; larger spines about an inch long, smaller ones 4 - 7 lines long.

The three foregoing species represent this subsection west of the California mountains, and east of them both south of the Gila and north of it, and seem to be well distinguished from one another by the characters indicated.

††† *Cristatæ*: frutescentes vel arborescentes: articuli cylindrici: tubercula plerumque cristata prominula: flores purpurei: baccae inermes seu rarius aculeatæ.

41. *O. WHIPPLEI*, E. & B. in P. R. R.: caule erecto seu rarius subprocumbente divaricato-ramoso; articulis cylindricis; tuberculis ovatis confertis; aculeis brevibus cinereo- seu stramineo-vaginatibus, 1 - 4 majoribus, 2 - 8 brevioribus deflexis vel radiantibus; flore rubro; bacca subglobosa tuberculata flava inermi; seminibus regularibus.

Var. *a.* *LÆVIOR*: humilior, aculeis paucis deflexis.

Var. *β.* *SPINOSIOR*: elatior, aculeis plurimis radiantibus.

From Zuni westward to Williams's River (*a.*), and south of the Gila (*β.*): fl. in June. — The first state is from a few inches to 3 - 6 feet high; the second forms small trees 8 - 10 feet high. Joints  $\frac{1}{2} - \frac{3}{4}$  inch in diameter; tubercles about 5 lines long; spines very variable, between 3 and 9 lines long. Flower (of var. *β.*)  $1\frac{1}{4} - 1\frac{1}{2}$  inches in diameter. Fruit about an inch long.

42. *O. ARBORESCENS*, E. in Wisl. Rep. (*O. stellata*, Salm.): arborescens; ramis verticillatis horizontalibus vel pendulis; articulis verticillatis cylindricis; tuberculis cristatis prominentibus; aculeis 8 - 30 stellato-divaricatis; flore purpureo magno; bacca subhemisphærica tuberculato-cristata flava inermi; seminibus regularibus.

From north and east of Santa Fé and the Llano Estacado, to Zuni ; extending southward deep into Mexico : fl. May - July. — Northward 5 - 6, south 10 - 20 or more, feet high ; easily characterized by the horizontal and verticillate branches, etc.

43. *O. ACANTHOCARPA*, E. & B. in P. R. R. : arborescens ; ramis alternis adscendentibus ; articulis cylindricis ; tuberculis elongatis ; aculeis 8 - 25 stellato-divaricatis ; bacca subglobosa tuberculata aculeata ; seminibus multangulatis.

Mountains of Cactus Pass, between Santa Fé and the Western Colorado. — Stems 5 - 6 feet high ; branches few, alternate, and separating from the stem at an acute angle. Joints (as in the preceding) 4 - 6 or 8 inches long, about 1 inch in diameter ; tubercles 9 - 10 lines long ; interior spines 1 - 1 $\frac{1}{4}$  inches, exterior ones 4 - 10 lines, long. Spines of fruit on the depressed tubercles 3 - 6 lines long. Seeds large, unlike those of any other *Opuntia* seen by me.

44. *O. MAMILLATA*, A. Schott in litt., B. C. R. : arborescens, divaricato-ramosissima ; articulis crassis abbreviatis perviridibus ; tuberculis tumidis ; aculeis 4 - 6 brevibus plerisque deflexis ; flore parvo purpureo ; bacca obovata inermi ; seminibus parvis.

Sonora, on the Sierra Babuquibari, in fertile soil : fl. July and August. — Stems 5 - 6 feet high ; joints 3 - 4 inches long, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  inches in diameter ; the swelling tubercles very prominent ; spines 3 - 9 lines long, sometimes almost wanting. Flowers an inch or less in diameter.

45. *O. THURBERI*, E. in B. C. R. : frutescens, erecta ; articulis cylindricis gracilibus elongato-tuberculatis ; aculeis 3 - 5 brevibus divergento-deflexis ; flore miniato.

Bacuachi, Sonora : fl. June. — Much more slender than any species yet enumerated in this subgenus. Joints  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch in diameter ; tubercles 9 lines long ; spines 3 - 8 lines long, the lowest one the stoutest. Flower 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  inches in diameter.

\* \* *Monacanthæ* : lignum densum : articuli graciliores obscure tuberculati : aculei singuli : flores flavi seu rubri ; semina plus minus marginata.

46. *O. WRIGHTII*, E. l. c. : frutescens, erecta ; articulis cylindricis gracilibus elongato-subtuberculatis ; aculeis subsingulis porrectis vel subdeflexis ; flore miniato.

On steep mountain-sides, from the Limpio to the Pecos, and in Northern Mexico : fl. June and July. — Shrub 2 - 4 feet high, 1 - 1 $\frac{1}{2}$

very near *O. Kleiniae*

inches thick. Joints 4 lines in diameter; tubercles depressed, 7–9 lines long; spines 8–10 lines long. Flower about 1–1¼ inches in diameter.

47. *O. ARBUSCULA*, E. l. c.: arborescens, erecta, capitato-ramosissima; articulis læte viridibus elongato-subtuberculatis; aculeis subsingulis porrectis vel subdeflexis; flore flavo-virescente.

On the Lower Gila, near Maricopa village: fl. June. — A truly arborescent form, with a solid trunk of 4 or 5 inches in diameter, 7–8 feet high; joints 2–3 inches long, about 4 lines in diameter; tubercles indistinct, about 6 lines long; spine 9–12 lines long, often with 1 or 2 smaller ones under it. Flower 1½ inches in diameter.

48. *O. VAGINATA*, E. in Wisl. Rep. (partim): frutescens, erecta; ramis erectiusculis; articulis subtuberculatis; aculeis subsingulis; bacca obovata tuberculata coccinea.

Albuquerque, New Mexico, and southward. — Shrub 3–5 feet high, 1–1½ inches thick; joints 3–4 lines in diameter; tubercles rather distinct, 6–9 lines long. Fruit 8–9 lines long. Seed about 2 lines in diameter. Perhaps a stout form of the next species.

49. *O. FRUTESCENS*, E. in Pl. Lindh. 1845: frutescens, erecta; ramis erectiusculis; articulis teretibus; aculeis subsingulis; flore parvo virescente; bacca obovata haud tuberculata coccinea.

Var. *a.* LONGISPINA: articulis nascentibus stipitatis; aculeis validioribus longioribus laxè vaginatis.

Var. *β.* BREVISPINA: articulis nascentibus sessilibus; aculeis gracilioribus brevioribus arcte vaginatis.

From the Colorado of Texas to Matamoras and Saltillo, westward to Sonora and the Californian Colorado: fl. June to August. — Var. *a.* is the usual Western form; *β.* occurs only in Texas and Eastern Mexico. — Shrub 3–5 feet high, stem 1–1½ inches thick; joints 2–3 lines in diameter; indistinct tubercles 3–5 lines long; spines in *a.* 1–2 inches, in *β.* 4–6 lines, long. Flower 7–9 lines in diameter. Fruit 5–9 lines long. Seeds few, usually 1½ lines in diameter.

50. *O. TESSELLATA* (*O. ramosissima*, E. in Sill. Journ. 1852): frutescens, erecta seu diffusa, divaricato-ramosissima; articulis gracilibus tessellato-tuberculatis cæsiis; tuberculis 5–6 angulatis planis inermibus seu aculeum elongatum paucosque minutos gerentibus; flore purpurascente parvo; bacca setosissima sicca.

Valley of the Lower Colorado from Sonora to the California moun-

tains : fl. May to September. — Stems 2–6 feet high, at the base 1–3 inches thick ; joints 3–3½ lines in diameter, ashy gray ; the singular flattened and angular tubercles 2½–3 lines long ; spines 1½–2 inches long, crowded together at the upper end of each year's growth, very loosely sheathed. Flower purple, half an inch in diameter. Fruit 9–10 lines long, covered with reddish-brown bristles. Seed 2 lines or less in diameter.

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\* \* \* The material for the present study of our *Cactaceæ* is not as full as would have been desirable in the examination of so difficult a family. Hence it may sometimes have happened, that what I have endeavored to distinguish as species are forms which properly belong together ; or I may have combined as one species incomplete specimens of quite distinct plants. The fear of confusing heterogeneous plants under one name, and the desire to indicate to future explorers all the different forms known to me, combined to induce me to proceed as I have done.

For those who naturally may be horrified at the idea of 117 species of *Cactaceæ* in a territory where, a few years ago, scarcely half a dozen were known, I will indicate how the mass of material may be comprehended under fewer types.

Of *Mamillariæ* the species 1–9 are quite distinct, and can in no manner be united ; 10–12 might perhaps be considered as forms of a single species ; 13–17 are all very distinct ; 18 and 19, 20–23, 25 and 26, 27 and 28, may possibly be forms of only four types, instead of 10, as I have enumerated them, thus referring my 30 species to 22 types.

In the genus *Echinocactus* the following species might be united : 1 and 2, 7 and 8, 9 and 10, 12 and 13, 14 and 15, — leaving 15 instead of 20 types.

The following species of *Cereus* will perhaps bear reduction : Nos. 1 and 2, 3 and 4, 5–7, 10 and 11, 12–14, 16 and 17, 18–22 (though some of them, of which I do not even know the flowers, may prove to belong even to different sections !), 23 and 24, — thus reducing my 31 species to 18 types.

*Opuntia* is a still more difficult genus, and mistakes are here most easily made. Many of them are as yet very incompletely known ; and without being able to compare a great number of living specimens

in their native state and in all stages of development, it can hardly be expected that any one should know beforehand what constitutes the specific characters in these plants. I have tried to unite the forms which seemed to justify such a proceeding (see, e. g. *O. Rafinesquii*, here made to comprise quite a suite of forms as subspecies). Still it may be thought that a greater reduction was yet desirable; but with our present data this would involve great danger of jumbling heterogeneous materials together. Nos. 5 and 7 (of which latter neither flower nor fruit is known) can perhaps be united; also 9 and 10, 11 and 12, 13 and 14, 16 and 17, 19 and 20, 22 - 24, 25 - 28, 29 and 30, 31 - 33, 35 - 37, 38 - 40, and 48 and 49, — leaving 31 types, 29 of which are indigenous to our territory, and two cultivated.

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*Geography of the Cactus Region of the United States.*

The localities where our *Cacti* grow are so little known to those who have not made the geography of the West a particular study, or are familiar with the publications of our Western explorers, that it seems necessary to add a few explanatory remarks.

Texas, as at present organized, is bounded southeasterly by the Gulf of Mexico, into which the following rivers mentioned in the foregoing pages empty, following the order from east to west: the Brazos, the Colorado with the Llano, the Guadalupe with the Pierdenales and San Antonio, the Nueces, and the Rio Grande. The latter forms the southern and southwestern boundary as high up as El Paso. On it are the towns of Matamoras (not far from its mouth), Mier, Laredo; and higher up, Presidio del Rio Grande; then Fort Duncan or Eagle Pass (southwest of which is Santa Rosa, in the State of Coahuila); next comes the mouth of the San Pedro or Devil's River (a small river or rather torrent running southward), and not far from it the mouth of the Pecos or Puerco, which rises at the north-northwest in the upper parts of New Mexico. Between the mouth of the Pecos and El Paso we notice only Presidio del Norte, San Elizario, and a "cañon" below the latter. The valley of the Limpio, a little more to the northward between the Pecos and El Paso, is a remarkable locality; probably because there porphyritic rocks take the place of the cretaceous formation of the more eastern districts.

Chihuahua is the well-known capital of the Mexican State of the same name, south of El Paso.

The Canadian River is a southern tributary of the Arkansas, running eastwardly very nearly under the 35th degree of latitude, and bounding on the north the elevated plains known as the *Llano Estacado*, in the northwestern parts of Texas and the adjoining regions of New Mexico.

The Upper Rio Grande runs through New Mexico from north to south; the capital, Santa Fé, is not far from the river, in lat.  $35\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ ; and the town of Albuquerque is a little below. Doñana is a small place on the river, above El Paso. El Paso itself, where the Rio Grande breaks through the mountain ranges, changing its heretofore southern to a southeastern course, is the central point of our Cactus region, partly from its geographical position, and partly because many of our explorers have made it the centre of their operations.

The present southwestern boundary of the United States runs from El Paso irregularly westward through the former Mexican State of Sonora, to the Colorado "of the West," or "of California," which comes from the South Pass in the Rocky Mountains, and runs southwestward and southwardly. Its principal tributaries rise in the east; those most important to us are the Little Colorado or Colorado Chiquito, under the 35th and 36th degree of latitude; Bill Williams's Fork, or Williams's River, as it is lately styled, further south; and in lat.  $33^{\circ}$  the Gila River, which rises near the "Coppermines," northwest of El Paso.

Proceeding from Santa Fé westward, we find the Indian town of Zuni, on the head-waters of the Little Colorado; then the San Francisco mountains; the Cactus Pass, at the head of Williams's River, and this stream itself. All this territory is at present included in the political organization of New Mexico, though uninhabited by whites.

West of the Colorado, in lat.  $35^{\circ}$ , is the Mojave or Mohave River, rising in the Sierra Nevada near the Cajon Pass; lower down, opposite the mouth of the Gila, the country is a sandy desert extending westward nearly to San Felipe, on the eastern slope of the California mountains in the same latitude. On the western sea-coast the town of San Diego is the only interesting point for the plants under review.

#### *Geographical Distribution of the Cactaceæ in the Territory of the United States.*

As to the geographical distribution of the *Cactaceæ*, our territory may properly be divided into eight regions, viz. : —



1. THE ATLANTIC REGION; which has only a single *Opuntia*, and that peculiar to it. Along the Southern coast some West Indian species may yet be expected.

2. THE MISSISSIPPI REGION, including the Western States, produces another *Opuntia*, which, in different distinct forms, extends into the 3d, 4th, and 5th regions.

3. THE MISSOURI REGION; namely, the Northwestern or Upper Missouri Territory to the Rocky Mountains. It furnishes

Two *Mamillariæ* of the subgenus *Coryphantha*, both extending into the 4th and 5th region; and

Three *Opuntia*, one of which only is peculiar.

4. THE TEXAN REGION; namely, the eastern and inhabited parts of Texas, westward to the San Pedro, and northward including the territory south of the Arkansas River. This region produces

Five *Mamillariæ*, two of them peculiar to this district;

Three *Echinocacti*, none of which are found in any other of our regions;\*

Six *Cerei* (five *Echinocerei* and one *Eucereus*), all of them peculiar to this district; and

Six *Opuntia*, of which only three are restricted to it; among them is only a single cylindric *Opuntia*.

This region contains therefore altogether twenty species, fourteen of which are peculiar to it.

5. THE NEW-MEXICAN REGION; namely, Western, uninhabited, mountainous Texas, and Eastern New Mexico to the eastern headwaters of the Colorado of California. This region is our richest Cactus district. It has furnished sixty-five species, fifty-five of which are peculiar to it, viz. : —

Nineteen *Mamillariæ* (eight *Eumamillariæ*, ten *Coryphanthæ*, and one *Anhalonium*), of which sixteen are peculiar;

Nine *Echinocacti*, all of them belonging to this district only;

Sixteen *Cerei* (fifteen *Echinocerei*, fourteen of which are peculiar, and one *Eucereus*, common also to other regions); and

Twenty-two *Opuntia*; of these twelve are flat-jointed, four clavate, and five cylindrical ones: seventeen of these species are peculiar.

6. THE GILA REGION, comprising the whole valley of the Colorado

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\* Always excepting Mexico itself, south of the Rio Grande, into which many, if not most, of our species extend.

south of lat. 36°, and the country of the Gila, its large southern tributary. This has thus far furnished thirty-six Cactaceæ, viz. : —

Five *Mamillariæ*, three of them peculiar species ;

Six *Echinocacti*, none of them found elsewhere ;

Seven *Cerei*, representatives of each of our four subgenera, and five of them peculiar ;

Eighteen *Opuntia*, of which six (all peculiar) belong to the *Platopuntia*, two to the clavate and ten to the cylindric *Cylindropuntia* ; one of the former and nine of the latter peculiar.

7. THE CALIFORNIAN REGION, namely, California west of the Sierra Nevada, and comprising the southwestern part of the present State of California, produces six Cactaceæ, five of which are peculiar. They are, —

One *Mamillaria* ;

One *Echinocactus* ;

One *Cereus* of the section *Eucereus* ; and

Three *Opuntia* ; one of them a *Platopuntia*, probably only a form of a more eastern species, and two peculiar *Cylindropuntia*.

8. THE NORTHWESTERN REGION, comprising the northern parts of the State of California, the Territories of Utah, Oregon, and Washington. This region has so far furnished only a single *Opuntia* (from Eastern Oregon), common also to the Missouri Region. — Mr. Geyer, in his account of his expedition to Oregon in 1843, mentions two *Mamillariæ* and a "*Melocactus*" (?), which latter he has not seen himself, nor are there any known specimens in existence.

## CORRECTIONS AND ADDITIONS.

P. 11. *Mamillaria scolymoides* has been collected by Mr. Wright on the Pecos, in Western Texas.

P. 17. 9th line from top, dele "1" after "fuscatis."

P. 22. 5th line from top, for "parallelæ" read "contrariæ."

P. 30. *Cereus Berlandieri* is very near *C. pentalophus*, DC., but Prince Salm, who has cultivated both side by side, considers them well distinguished.

P. 44. *Opuntia Missouriensis* has been sent from Clear Water, on the Kooskooskie, in Oregon, by the Rev. Mr. Spalding.

“ On p. 279, the var. *minor* of *Cereus dasyacanthus* should be cancelled, and after *C. longisetus*, p. 280, the following added:—

“ 9½. *C. RÆTTERI*, E. in B. C. R. : ovato-cylindricus, 10–12 costatus ; areolis ovato-orbiculatis ; aculeis e basi bulbosa subulatis-rubellis apice obscuris exterioribus 10–15, interioribus 2–5 robustioribus

sub-brevioribus ; floribus subterminalibus magnis purpureis ; bacca subglobosâ ; seminibus tuberculatis.

“ El Paso, southward to the Sandhills ; fl. April. — Stem 5–6 inches high ; spines 4–8 lines long ; flower 2½–3 inches long. Similar to *C. dasyacanthus*, from which it is distinguished by the fewer ribs, fewer and stouter spines, purple flowers, smaller fruit, and larger seed. This species is intermediate between the *Pectinati* and *Decalophi*.

“ After *Opuntia setispina*, p. 294 : —

“ *O. PES CORVI*, Le Conte, Mss. : articulis parvis teretiusculis ; pulvillis subconfertis setas paucas breves graciles flavidulas gerentibus plerisque armatis ; aculeis binis ternisve gracilibus sæpe basi compressis tortisque ; flore flavo minore.

“ Sandy coast of Georgia, *Major Le Conte*, and Florida, *Dr. Chapman*. — Joints not much over an inch long, and half as thick. Spines 1 – 1½ inches long, straight and slender. Flower 1½ inches in diameter. Ovary only with 5 areolæ ; stigmas 5. — In the shape of the joints this curious little species resembles *O. fragilis*, but in other respects it seems intermediate between *O. vulgaris* and *O. tenuispina*.”

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